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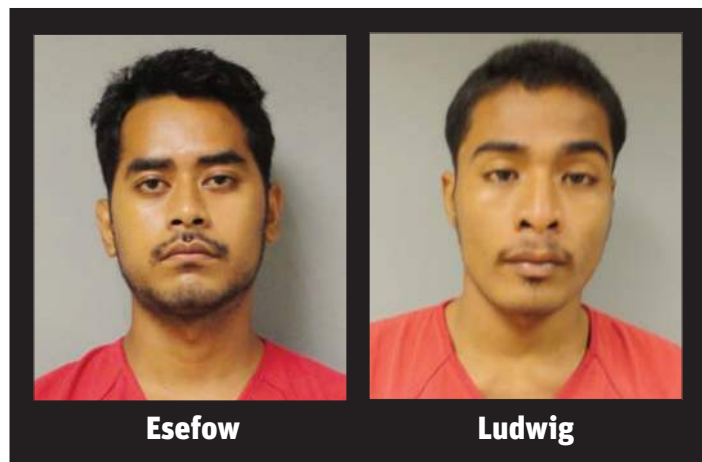
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2 men hurt in robbery, kidnapping

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Two men sustained serious injuries last Saturday when two other men with whom they had been drinking with later allegedly beat them up separately and took their wallets and other items.



Esefow

Ludwig

The first victim, a 37-year-old Japanese male, suffered a brain contusion, a fractured nose, a fractured periorbital (eye socket), and endocrinal hemorrhage (bleeding on the inner lining

membrane of the skull).

The other victim, a 26-year-old Chamorro male, sustained a fractured right orbit below the eyeball, laceration on the back

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STILL THERE

Motorists drive past glaring "Stop casino" signs and other anti-gaming billboards on the way to and from Capital Hill yesterday, weeks after casino referendum petitions were nixed and days after the CNMI government awarded Best Sunshine International Ltd. an exclusive \$3.14-billion Saipan integrated casino resort development license. Portions of \$30 million in advance casino license fee have since been paid to retirees to restore their 25 percent pension and soon, to defined benefit plan members waiting for interest payment on contributions they withdrew last year.

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CNMI budget headed for early passage

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Indications are good that the House of Representatives will accept the Senate-amended \$134.33-million government budget bill for fiscal year 2015 that will give the Public School System an added \$1.61 million to help reduce

» **Bill could reach governor's desk in few days**

teacher-student ratio in classrooms, Ways and Means Committee chair Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan) told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday. The CNMI would set a record early passage of a spending bill in August if the House approves the Senate version on Thursday.

Senators made sure that PSS will

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BARELY 3 MONTHS SINCE GOVERNOR'S VETO

Ogumoro pushes 'political status commission' again

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Rep. Felicidad Ogumoro (R-Saipan) once again pre-filed a bill creating a new commission to examine whether the CNMI people desire continuing the islands' current political relationship with the United States, barely

three months since Gov. Eloy S. Inos vetoed her similar bill over constitutional issues and attempts to "unilaterally" alter the relationship between the U.S. and the CNMI.

Ogumoro is expected to introduce House Bill 18-206 when the House holds a session later this week.

The proposed commission's pur-

pose is to, among other things, examine the present political relationship between the Northern Marianas and the U.S.

The commission is also expected to determine whether the NMI people are still in favor of continuing in "political union with the United States

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'DB interest payments in the next few days'

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Acting governor Jude U. Hofschneider said yesterday the interest payment on withdrawn

defined benefit plan contributions will be released "in the next few days" and asked for

the public's patience as the Department of Finance processes the payments.

"We will issue the payments as soon as we can," Hofschneider told *Saipan Tribune*. He said the payments will be in the form of paper checks.

Retirees started getting their deferred 25-percent pension last week.

Funds for both the pension payment and DB interest payment came from a \$30-million advanced license fee from Best Sunshine International Ltd., which bagged an exclusive license to develop an integrated casino resort on Saipan.

The investment is expected to be \$3.14 billion.

Acting press secretary Ivan Blanco quoted yesterday a statement from Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson, saying that the deposit timeline will be released "soon."

"However, Finance is expediting processing of said payments at the soonest to issue the interest payments to the DB beneficiaries. We ask for their patience as we ensure they get their funds accurately," Blanco quoted Larson as saying.

In October last year, the NMI Retirement Fund dis-

bursed over \$40 million in remaining defined benefit plan employee contributions refunded by over 1,700 individuals.

Checks ranged from \$20,000 to \$100,000, based on interviews with some of the members.

A former DB plan member said yesterday he will use the interest payment for his children's school needs.

"I have five kids in elementary and high school. That's my priority, their school needs. It's back to school so we want to make sure we have everything they need," he said.

CNMI top teacher recaps year of highlights



DENNIS B. CHAN

Teacher of the Year Paul Miura reads from the Public School System's proclamation approving the CNMI PSS Indigenous Heritage Celebration Month. The month is dedicated to the continued revival of the indigenous Chamorro and Refaluwasch culture and language.

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Paul Miura, the 2014 CNMI State Teacher of the Year, recapped a busy year of highlights at a Board of Education

meeting yesterday.

He spoke of his journey, relaying some of the highlights and insights on education policy and the teaching profession he gathered while attending conferences across the nation.

He said the central message talked about at most of the conferences he attended this year was: "How can we better promote the teaching profession, in order to attract our best and brightest students to become educators?"

Another question was: "How do we retain our best teachers?"

Miura attended his first conference in January at the National Teacher of the Year program conference where he got to meet other TOYs from the states and U.S. territories.

Through them, he said, he learned of his role and purpose as a Teacher of the Year for the CNMI.

"We learned that our primary role was to promote the teaching profession and education as a whole," he said, adding that he discovered an "amazing network of teachers" at the conference.

"There are so many resources out there for teachers and we just need to access them," he added.

Other highlights of his year include a Teacher Recognition Week in April where Sean McComb was named National Teacher of the Year.

He learned that the NTOY award goes to a person who is "passionate and is planning to stay in the classroom," considering that many successful teachers move on to administration. The NTOY is also someone who impacts the community outside schools.

In June, Miura attended the Education Commission of the States National Forum, which he said is "excellent" for policy makers and encouraged those present to attend. There was a lot of discussion on 21st century classroom as well as a push for pre-kindergarten education for all students.

"I am pleased to announce that here in the CNMI we are up to speed with some of the top states in the nation," he said.

Other highlights this year include the National Network of State Teachers of the Year conference, where topics such as education policy, teacher leadership, and student success were discussed.

He said teachers were treated to an open forum with Education Secretary Arne Duncan where a central topic was how to retain the best and brightest teachers in the profession.

"There was a lot of talk about creating different career paths within the teaching profession so it's not just one path that you would take and end up in administration," he said.



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CUC directs Guam contractor to stop work on oil pipeline project

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has directed a Guam contractor for the oil pipeline project to immediately stop work at the site for allegedly not addressing concerns raised by CUC and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

CUC counsel James S. Sirok disclosed that the utilities agency is in the process of notifying Smithbridge Guam Inc. of its default in the terms of its contract, and issuing a notice of termination of the company's contract.

In CUC's report filed in federal court on Friday, Sirok said that EPA transmitted a letter to CUC on Aug. 1, 2014, outlining several concerns it had with Smithbridge personnel and management of the CUC pipeline project.

Because of these concerns, and in an attempt to mitigate the potential of personnel and management problems arising as the project moves forward, Sirok said that EPA gave CUC 10 days to replace inadequate and ineffective personnel on the project with competent, qualified, and experienced pipeline supervision, construction, and welding personnel.

The lawyer said that CUC told Smithbridge on Aug. 4, 2014, to replace three supervisors within 10 days.

He said the company was also directed to provide the names of their newly nominated personnel and their respective qualifications for review and approval by both CUC and EPA within 10 days.

Sirok said their written notice further outlined various CUC concerns with the project's management and execution of planned construction work.

Sirok said they informed

Smithbridge that its failure to address these concerns with corrective action would place the company in jeopardy of being declared in default.

By Aug. 14, 2014, the directives and concerns of both CUC and EPA had yet to be addressed, he said.

The lawyer said that during CUC's discussion with Graeme Ridley of Smithbridge last Aug. 15, it became clear that the company was not prepared to address the directives and concerns.

The oil pipeline is an eight-inch aboveground receiving pipeline that delivers diesel fuel from the Mobil oil facility to CUC Power Plants 1 and 2 in Lower Base. EPA had stated that until the pipeline is properly repaired or replaced, it poses a threat to the adjacent ocean.

The pipeline project was initiated in 2010 at a cost of \$1.8 million. Due to numerous problems that contributed to the project's delay, the cost ballooned to \$6 million this year.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge David O. Carter will fly next month from Santa Ana, California, to Saipan to conduct another on-site inspection of the pipeline project and other CUC projects and facilities that have concerns or disputes.

Carter recently expressed "deep concerns" over the delay in the construction of the oil pipeline. He pointed out that the pipeline construction has only, at most, preliminarily started.

The federal court signed stipulated orders for CUC in 2009, setting the requirements and deadlines for the utilities agency to meet. The orders represent an agreement between the CNMI and the EPA on how CUC will come into compliance with the requirements of the Clean Air Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

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Drama unfolded yesterday shortly before noon in the ongoing jury trial of former acting Division of Fish and Wildlife director Raymond B. Roberto when one of his three alleged victims became upset at a comment made by defense counsel David J. Lujan during cross-examination. The alleged victim cursed Lujan, threw a glass of water at him, and berated the prosecutors.

The commotion prompted U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona to order a recess and instruct the lawyers to reconvene at 9am today, Wednesday. The judge ordered the 13 jurors, in-

cluding an alternate, to return today, Wednesday, at 1:30pm.

When asked what the U.S. government will do now after the alleged victim's outburst in front of jurors, U.S. Attorney's Office for the Districts of Guam and NMI public information officer Mae Blas said they have no comment as the trial is ongoing.

Saipan Tribune learned that during Lujan's cross-examination of the 16-year-old girl, he asked her about the age of her then-boyfriend. She refused to answer the question.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Rami S. Badawy objected to the relevance of the question. Lujan then argued that "it's obvious that this girl likes older men."

The girl stood up, pointed at Lujan, shouted profanities at

him, and threatened to kill him and cut his neck.

The girl also grabbed a glass of water in front of her and threw it at Lujan, who was near her. Some of the water splattered onto the lawyer's jacket.

When Federal Bureau of Investigation special agent Haejun Park approached her to calm her down, she pushed him and told him he's responsible because she didn't want to come to court.

As a court officer was escorting her out of the courtroom, she pointed at Assistant U.S. Attorney Rami S. Badawy and U.S. Attorney for the Districts of Guam and NMI Alicia Limtiaco, yelling that she did not want to come to court and that they made her testify.

Throughout this time, the girl's mother, who was in the courtroom, was crying and yelling. The girl also kicked the courtroom's door several times.

The girl began her testimony on Friday and resumed on Monday. During Lujan's cross-examination on Monday, the girl admitted that she used to smoke methamphetamine or "ice" and is suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder that may have affected her memory of some events.

The 40-year-old Roberto is on trial for three counts of enticing three minors to engage in prostitution and one count of witness tampering. Aside from Lujan, he also hired attorney Joaquin Torres as his private counsel.

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- Aug. 26 (Tuesday): 6th Grade, 5pm to 6pm
- Aug. 27 (Wednesday): 7th Grade, 5pm to 6pm
- Aug. 28 (Thursday): 8th Grade, 5pm to 6pm. (PR)

Student orientation at Oleai Elementary

Oleai Elementary School would like to inform the parents and guardians of Oleai Elementary School students that there will be a Student Orientation for school year 2014-2015 for all incoming and continuing students on Thursday, Aug. 28, and Friday, Aug. 29, at 5pm in the

school cafeteria.

School year 2014-2015 class schedule will be follows:

- 7:55am—First Bell for Kinder AM Session and all grades (K-6th)
- 8:00am—Tardy Bell
- 11:00am—Kinder AM Session dismissal
- 11:45am—Kinder PM Session begins
- 2:30pm—Dismissal for Kinder PM Session and all grades (K-6th)

Also, PTSA will be sponsoring a "Beautify OES Day" on Aug. 30, from 8am to 2pm. Parents, guardians, students, teachers, staff and the community are invited to help to help prepare our school grounds for the new school year. Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend OES activities. (PR)

Step-Up student completes research on CNMI jellyfish

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With the mark of a jellyfish sting near her left wrist to prove it, Maria Theresa Dizon recently completed what she calls “pioneering” research on jellyfish in the CNMI as part of the Pacific Step-Up program that helps high school students gain laboratory and research experience.

In a presentation to the Public School System’s Board of Education titled “Inhibiting Copula

Sivickisi,” Dizon guided educators through her research that tested various chemicals to see their potential inhibiting effect on the stinging discharge of jellyfish nematocysts.

Dizon tied her project to the CNMI’s tourism industry, citing research by the Pacific Marine Research Institute’s Yoshi Yagi on the rising number in jellyfish stings reported to the hospital.

She caught her research species late at night in the waters of Ladder Beach, Smiling Cove

Marina, and Garapan Dock, and had to “wait hours and hours just to get one [jellyfish].”

She said by attaching high-powered lights to Styrofoam to float on the water, she could see the many little animals in the water that’s unavailable to regular sight.

It was at Ladder Beach, she said, where she got stung.

Dizon said she tested jellyfish in separate agar plates of baking soda mixed with seawater, vinegar, distilled water,

and seawater to compare the quantity of discharge.

She said the results were “completely against her hypothesis” as she believed that the liquid with higher saline content—baking soda mixed with seawater—would better inhibit discharge.

However, she found out that seawater was the only liquid that did not trigger the fire, while vinegar, which are placed in “huge jugs” for use in beaches in Australia, may

actually not be the best remedy for jellyfish stings.

In an interview, she said her experience with lab work influenced her decision to major in forensic science, as she always wanted to major in pre-law but now has a way to combine her two interests.

“I always liked science, and wondered if there was something else I could do, and if there was a major that could mix [my interests] together,” she said.

She joked that procedural fo-

rensic crime dramas like “CSI” and “NCIS” also may have influenced her decision.

She called her Step-Up experience “great,” giving her a new perspective on science with a lot of hands on research.

“[The program] taught me a lot of patience and scientific methods and techniques. It’s an overall great experience if you want to go into science or just want to try something new,” she said.

She encourages other students to apply with the program.

BUDGET

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spend over \$1.161 million of the total additional funds only to hire 35 new teachers.

“The only way to reduce teacher-student ratio is to put more teachers in the classroom,” Sablan said.

Rep. Ralph Yumul (Ind-Saipan), chairman of the ad-hoc Cost-Cutting Committee, said the panel supports funneling funds as a result of cost-cutting measures to PSS.

“If the House passes the budget on Thursday, we might have a budget within two weeks,” Yumul said.

Budget bills almost always

get passed right before the start of a new fiscal year on Oct. 1 but it’s likely not the case in this election year. In 2010, the government had to partially shut down because the Legislature failed to reach a compromise on a spending package.

Sablan said the Ways and Means Committee “anticipated” the Senate’s amendments, including the increased PSS budget, the additional funding for the Northern Marianas Technical Institute, and the restoration of close to \$400,000 for Tinian.

In fact, the two committees from the House and Senate with oversight over government budgets communicated before the Senate could act on the budget bill.

“If there’s no need to reject it, if we don’t have a problem with it, we would recommend passage of the bill. ... We discussed the major amendments with the Senate Fiscal Affairs and I’m glad we reached a compromise,” Sablan said in an interview on Capital Hill.

Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee chair Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota) is also looking forward to a House approval of the Senate-amended spending package.

If for some reason the House rejects the Senate version, Sablan said there is no reason a conference committee would take more than two days to come up with a compromise bill.

“That is, if everybody sits down together and approach it

with open mind, and come up with a responsible expenditure plan for 2015. I don’t see any reason why we can’t do it in one or two days,” Sablan added.

Sablan anticipates a supplemental budget before fiscal year 2015 is out “so no need to haggle now over thousands of dollars to address items.”

“The important thing is that we’re able to bring in the Marianas Visitors Authority and work out a compromise. They agreed,” he added.

The additional funding given to PSS came from funds earlier set aside for MVA.

Sablan said the Ways and Means Committee, which will meet today, also is likely to support the Senate’s reduction

in lawmakers’ allocations and leadership funds to be able to restore \$400,000 for Tinian.

He said there is also support for the Senate’s decision to increase NMTI’s funding from \$200,000 to \$400,000. The additional \$200,000 came from \$100,000 each taken from PSS and Northern Marianas College.

“The other amendments are minor issues. Again, in my view they won’t be a major concern at least in the committee,” Sablan added.

He said this could be the first time in CNMI legislative history that a budget passes both the House and Senate in August. The new fiscal year begins on Oct. 1.

“You could say 2014 is history in the making,” he said.

“I can say this is what happens when people take the time to communicate. We were able to communicate with the Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee. We compromised on certain provisions and I’m glad to see them in the Senate version.”

House Bill 18-201, House Draft 3, Senate Substitute 2 is now back to the House for approval or rejection after the Senate passage on Thursday last week.

The Senate gave PSS, as promised, an additional \$1.61 million, bringing its budget to over \$33.441 million for 2015. This will enable PSS to, among other things, meet the federal maintenance-of-efforts requirements and reduce teacher-student ratio.

OGUMORO

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of America” pursuant to the Covenant, and/or prefer some other political status options that would “better enable them to fulfill their hope and aspirations of full, meaningful and a well-defined self-government status.”

Under HB 18-206 or the Second Marianas Political Status Commission Act of 2014, the

commission shall submit its final report to the CNMI Legislature for review and approval.

After such review and approval, the Legislature shall present such political status option(s) to the Commonwealth Election Commission which, in turn, shall present such political status option to the voters for their approval or disapproval in a plebiscite.

The governor, in his May 2014 veto message of Ogu-moro’s earlier bill, said it is

“doubtful” that such commission could “unilaterally” alter the relationship between the NMI and the U.S.

Ogumoro’s pre-filing of HB 18-206 also comes five months after the CNMI marked on March 24 the 38th year of the 1976 signing of the mutually negotiated “Covenant” that made the Northern Marianas a part of the American political family, and paved the way for its qualified people to become U.S. citizens in 1986.

Covenant Section 105 provides that the fundamental provisions of the Covenant—namely Articles I, II and III and Sections 501 and 805—may be modified only with the consent of the U.S. and CNMI governments.

“Therefore, even if the voters of the Commonwealth ultimately voted to approve changes to the Covenant, the United States would need to consent to any changes to the fundamental Covenant provisions identified above,” Inos earlier said.

The governor also earlier said a provision in the vetoed bill is almost certain to be in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article I 6 of the Commonwealth Constitution, referring to a qualification of appointees who are supposed to be “a person of Northern Marianas descent as defined in Article XII 4 of the N.M.I. Constitution.”

Ogumoro’s new bill does not restrict appointment to NMD persons.

Instead, it says U.S. citizen and has been domiciled in the CNMI for at least five consecutive years at the time of appointment, and “shall have at least good knowledge of the Northern Marianas’ political history...”

Ogumoro’s bill also seeks the governor’s reprogramming of up to \$100,000 for the commission’s operations and the amount may be spent “without regard to fiscal year limitation.” Ogumoro is seeking re-election in the Nov. 4 general elections.

ROBBERY

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of the head, and a subconjunctival hemorrhage in the right eye (blood collected under the transparent tissue that covers the white of the eye).

Police said the victims were separately brought to the Commonwealth Health Center for treatment of their injuries. It was only at the hospital that the two friends learned of each other’s fate.

Police arrested on Monday night suspects Kesner Esefow, 20, and Donovan S. Ludwig, 22, for robbery, kidnapping, assault with a dangerous weapon, aggravated assault and battery, assault, and disturbing the peace.

Esefow and Ludwig, who are cousins, were served with an arrest warrant in Koblerville and Kagman 3, respectively.

At yesterday’s bail hearing, Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio granted assistant attorney gen-

eral Heather Barcinas’ request to increase the \$50,000 cash bail to \$100,000 cash.

Kim-Tenorio, however, said she would allow the suspects to post just \$10,000 cash bail each—10 percent of the \$100,000—and require third-party custodians, among other bail conditions.

Preliminary hearing will be on Sept. 2 at 1:30pm.

Police detective Flora Danica B. Aguon stated in her report that the Department of Public Safety Central Dispatcher received a call on Sunday at 1:56am about a possible injured person at a house in Kagman III along the Forbidden Island Road.

When a police officer arrived at the scene, he met the Japanese victim, whose face was swollen and covered with blood.

Medics arrived and brought the victim to CHC for treatment.

Later that same day, at 3:23am, a police officer was dispatched to a disturbance call at an apartment in Garapan where the Japanese victim stays.

When two police officers ar-

rived at the apartment, they met the Chamorro victim, whose face was covered with blood and had a swollen lower lip and laceration on the back of the head. Medics brought the victim to CHC for treatment.

Aguon said that during her interview on Monday with the Japanese victim at CHC, she learned that he and suspect Esefow are friends.

That day at 3pm, the victim picked up Esefow and the latter’s cousin, Ludwig, at a store in Koblerville and proceeded to a pavilion across Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium where they had a drinking session. They later moved to the Fishing Base in Garapan, where the Chamorro victim joined them.

The four then moved to the beach behind Town House, where they ate, swam, and drank until 9pm. They then proceeded to the Japanese victim’s apartment in Garapan.

Esefow and Ludwig then borrowed the Japanese victim’s car, a 2005 Mazda 3, to buy cigarettes. When the suspects returned, the

Japanese victim could not find his house key, which was bunched with his car key.

The Japanese victim took the suspects to drop them home in Koblerville, while the Chamorro victim stayed behind in the apartment to rest.

Before heading to Koblerville, the victim drove to Martha’s Store where the suspects earlier bought cigarettes to look for his house key, as it might have fallen there. At Martha’s Store, Ludwig got down and asked a man who works at the store about the key. The man claimed he found the key in the parking lot.

The suspects then asked the Japanese victim to park in the open field by KB Laundry near DPS Fire Station 4. Once there, Ludwig told the Japanese he needs to go to his house in Kagman and grabbed the car key from him and began driving.

The Japanese noticed that it was already 1am so he told them to turn the car around

and go back to Koblerville so he can drop them off.

The suspects ignored him. When they reached a house near Forbidden Island, the suspects got down and ganged up on the victim, punching him in the face repeatedly.

Esefow dragged the victim out of the car and slammed his face on the car and on the ground. He also kept punching the victim’s face.

Esefow then picked up the victim and placed him in the back seat and, together with Ludwig, continued punching him.

The suspects threatened to kill the victim. Esefow told the victim they would go back to the victim’s house so they could get his wallet.

With the victim in the back seat, the suspects drove to another house, where some people were drinking. The suspects went inside the house.

Seeing his chance to escape, the victim got out of the vehicle and ran toward a nearby house, where he banged on the door for help.

The suspects chased him, but they stopped and ran back to the car when they saw him banging on the door.

Aguon said that, according to her interview of the Chamorro victim on Monday, he was asleep on the couch in the Japanese victim’s apartment when he was awakened by a blow to his face. When he opened his eyes, he saw Ludwig holding a keyboard and whacking it on his face.

The victim tried to fight back, but Esefow hit him on the back and his head with a plastic chair. The suspects also threw objects at him.

The suspects then grabbed some items in the apartment, including the victims’ wallets, car key, and laptop.

As the suspects ran off, the victim gave chase but failed to catch them.

The victim then asked a neighbor from the same apartment to call the police.

Saipan Tribune learned that police later recovered the victim’s car.

No prison term for man who impregnated 15-year-old

»Judge says facts of the case are exceptional

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REPORTER

Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo imposed no prison term yesterday on a 20-year-old man who had sex with a then-15-year-old girl that resulted in the birth of a child.

"The facts of this case are exceptional, and the court must consider not only the defendant and the victim but also consider the child born of their relationship," said Govendo in sentencing Anthony G. Castro to five years in prison, all suspended.

Castro pleaded guilty to sexual abuse of a minor in the third degree. The Office of the Attorney General dropped the other charges as part of a plea deal.

Castro was placed on supervised probation for five years and was ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine, plus \$100 in court costs and \$500 in probation fees. He was also directed to pay for all costs associated with the child's birth.

Govendo said the defendant shall not be alone with the victim until she reaches 18 years old. Any contact between Castro and the victim until she reaches 18 shall be supervised by either Castro's mother or father.

Govendo noted that sexual abuse cases, particularly those involving underage victims, are taken seriously in the Commonwealth, with many criminal defendants receiving harsh prison sentences.

"However, any sentencing decision must be individualized. The court must carefully consider all relevant facts surrounding the case and all parties involved," he said.

Govendo said the parties agreed that the victim, who was only 15 years old at the time of contact, pursued Castro.

Govendo said he did not take testimony from the victim, but Castro, through counsel Vincent Torres, has stated that he was unaware of the victim's age during their brief relationship.

"This defendant was not in a position of authority over the victim, and while he is more than three years older than the victim, they are not extremely far apart in age," the judge said.

The victim is now 17 years old. Govendo said the brief relationship, consisting of two sexual encounters, resulted in the birth of a child.

He said the victim and her family are unable to meet the fi-

nancial needs of the child, while Castro's parents are also limited in their financial ability to care for the child.

The judge said Castro has therefore taken on the re-

sponsibility of caring for his child, both financially and emotionally.

The child resides with Castro and his parents. The Office of Adult Probation has attested to

the fact that the child is well cared for by the defendant and is happy.

Govendo said Castro fully cooperated with the OAG and has never denied his criminal responsibility, nor has he denied

the obligations owed his child.

The victim's aunt, who has raised the victim, spoke on the defendant's behalf and asked the court to forgive him and to refrain from imposing a prison term.



U.S. NAVY/LT. TIMOTHY GORMAN

CIVIC ACTION TEAM

Outgoing and incoming officers-in-charge of Palau's civic action team, Air Force Capt. Jerrod McComb and Navy Lt. j.g. Rhett Johnson, receive encouraging words from Rear Adm. Tilghman Payne, Pacific Command's Defense Representative for Palau. McComb and Johnson turned over charge of the team in a recent ceremony.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Hospitality Class enrollment for high school juniors and seniors now open



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Hospital reconfiguration eyed to relieve overcrowding

By JAYSON CAMACHO
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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s governing body is in the middle of talks about reconfiguring some areas of the Commonwealth Health Center to ease patient overcrowding, according to CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muña.

For instance, she said, four rooms that are assigned to the chemotherapy program may be converted and added to the rooms reserved for acute care.

"The physicians are already concerned. The [chemotherapy] beds can be reallocated some-

where else, so it could be open for the acute care sides and have four more rooms available," she said.

Muña said that one possible area for the chemotherapy program is in the old dialysis building. The area still has oxygen plugs available, which will be useful and not cost the hospital a lot of money. At the same time, there are still beds available in the area.

Muña pointed out, though, that the privacy of chemotherapy patients is a concern if they are moved there.

"We just want to make sure that when patients go into those rooms, they are not automati-

cally known, but we are looking at some other areas. As of this time, we don't know exactly when and where because we know there is a need and we may have to move people around," she said.

According to sources, the lack of available beds is causing some delays in the treatment of some patients in the emergency room. Some acute care patients are also being redirected to vacant beds in other sections of the hospital such as Obstetrics and Gynecology. The ER area is also overcrowded and the hospital has been noticing that patients tend to come in all at

the same time.

Muña said that there are only eight rooms available at ER and its expansion will be a great help. If it can't be expanded due to unavailability of funds, then areas near the ER will be looked at for renovation.

Muña said she recently met with the Division of Public Health section of CHCC and hospital staff to look for ways to prevent overcrowding and improve the delivery of health-care services.

"It is in the goals and objectives that we really do take care of the population. We really do see some issues concerning the

fact that some patients are not accessing health care and they should be encouraged to see their doctor," she said.

In other news, CHC will be working with other healthcare providers during a medical outreach being organized by the Empty Vessel Ministry and its founder and director, Rose Smith, this Aug. 28 at the Garapan Street Market.

"I encourage the community to attend this outreach because we really don't want to see them in the ER or the hospital and to encourage them to take care of their health before it gets worse," Muña said.

CHC will be providing free health screenings at this Thursday's outreach.

"People may say that the hospital is collecting revenue by patients coming in, but that is not the case because the hospital is practically the only business that creates expenses more than collecting bills and payments," Muña said.

"So this outreach can help the patients. Another good thing is that although the talk on salaries are too high for the physicians, they should be commended for volunteering to give back and they want to give back," she added.

MVA renews AVIAREPS contract for another 2 years

By JAYSON CAMACHO
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REPORTER

The Marianas Visitors Authority is renewing its contract with AVIAREPS Marketing Garden for another two years. AVIAREPS manages the MVA's marketing efforts in Japan, Korea, and other tourist markets of the CNMI.

In an interview with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday, MVA managing director Perry Tenorio said they wanted to exercise their contractual option to renew the AVIAREPS contract for another two years, from Oct. 1, 2014, to Sept. 30, 2016.

Tenorio said that MVA is al-

lowed to spend a maximum of \$7.2 million on the AVIAREPS contract but the MVA board decided to limit the first half of fiscal year 2015 to only \$3 million.

Tenorio said that the \$7.2 million is just the ceiling that allows MVA to fund their offshore offices. The ceiling in previous years was \$5 million until it was increased last year.

"This is to see what kind of collection we get to determine by how much the second half will be. It is just to focus the first half of fiscal year 2015 until we can make our recommendation to the board," Tenorio said.

He said the change order be-

tween MVA and AVIAREPS allows them to continue their partnership for two more years, but everything is still subject to availability of its offshore accounts resources.

The offshore offices are extensions of MVA in Russia, China, Japan, Korea, and Taiwan.

AVIAREPS has been under contract with MVA since the late 1990s, according to Tenorio.

"Obviously there is an increased demand for the CNMI and we want to make sure that we maintain our offshore accounts," he said.

After the AVIAREPS contract is over in September

2016, MVA will be required to re-bid the management of the offshore accounts.

Recently the Senate decided to zero out MVA's appropriation and transfer \$1.61 million to the Public School System. That has prompted the MVA board to be cautious in releasing funds to manage its offshore accounts.

"We have to scale back a little. Obviously advertisement can be seen in two different ways. One is promoting through our offshore accounts and the other one is reinvesting in the CNMI travel product and the board wants to improve destination enhancement," Tenorio said.

SPC makes substantial progress in reducing its carbon footprint

NOUMEA, New Caledonia—

In late 2012, the Secretariat of the Pacific Community adopted a target of reducing its greenhouse gas emissions by 30 percent below its 2011 level by the end of 2016. The annual greenhouse gas monitoring report has revealed that SPC made substantive progress toward achieving this target during the first year of its emissions reduction program. In total, the organization's carbon footprint was reduced by approximately 12 percent (equivalent to more than 200 tons of carbon dioxide per year), even though the organization continued to grow in the level of program activity and number of staff since 2011, the base year against which the organization is measuring its emission reduction achievements. When viewed on an emissions per staff member basis, emissions were reduced by 18.6 percent, which is a significant achievement.

The emissions reduction program forms part of SPC's Climate Change Engagement Strategy, which was adopted by its governing body in November 2011. In its climate change strategy, SPC committed to establish a greenhouse gas emissions inventory and to implement measures to reduce its carbon footprint. The process has involved compiling accurate emissions inventories for all its offices and operations, and these were established in compliance with international emission quantification guidelines. Given the size and geographic diversity of the organization's operations, this was a time-consuming process, and involved the collection of a large quantity of data from across the organization.

Following the completion of the inventory analysis, SPC worked across the organization to identify where emissions could be reduced. A wide range of potential emission reduction measures were identified in SPC offices in Noumea, Suva, Pohnpei and Honiara. These included reducing electricity consumption, using less transport fuel and paper, and more effective

management of the organization's waste. Based on the results of this analysis, SPC formulated a five-year strategy to reduce its carbon footprint. The initial aim is to reduce emissions by 30 percent by the end of 2016, and possibly a higher target will be adopted beyond 2016.

Significant reductions were achieved at SPC's Noumea headquarters and at its regional offices in Suva, Pohnpei and Honiara. Savings in electricity consumption (falling by 11 percent) were the single largest contributor, accounting for 170 tons of the emission reductions. However, significant reductions in paper consumption (38 percent reduction) and transport fuel use (14 percent reduction) also made important contributions. A significant additional benefit were the substantial economic benefits that have accrued from the emission reduction measures, with overall net economic benefits exceeding USD 30,000/year in operational costs.

A significant proportion of these reductions have been achieved through basic house-keeping measures such as turning out the lights, adjusting air-conditioning thermostats and careful use of vehicles and paper. A range of more substantive emission reduction measures is planned or in the process of implementation and these are expected to deliver additional reductions over the next two years.

SPC's Director-General Colin Tukuitonga, stated, "We are happy with the progress we have made to date but there is still much to do. SPC sees the emission reduction strategy as an important opportunity to demonstrate to our members that significant reductions in our carbon footprint are possible, while also delivering economic benefits to the organization. Given the magnitude of the climate change and energy program support we provide to member countries, it is important that SPC be seen to lead by example and to practice what it preaches." (SPC)



DISTANCE LEARNING

Students are encouraged to meet with their respective school counselor or the PSS summer counselor Janice Muna at the Marianas High School counseling office before Sept. 2 to get academic evaluations done so they can register or the PSS Distance Education Program at www.goo.gl/4wS51n for this upcoming online fall 2014 semester. Students, private and public school, grades 6-12 are encouraged to go online to www.cnmpss.org for more information about the Distance Education program and view the 49 course offerings.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Guam man convicted of manslaughter after bar fight

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—A Guam man was convicted of manslaughter Monday after a 2013 bar fight in which he held a man in a chokehold even after the victim lost consciousness.

The *Pacific Daily News* reports that a jury on Monday found Carl Gargarita not guilty of a more serious charge of murder, which would have carried a possible sentence of life in prison.

The manslaughter charge carries a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison, prosecutors said. He will be sentenced Sept. 12.

Gargarita was accused of killing Anthony Giralao in a fight outside a bar in Tumon in June 2013.

Gargarita was drinking with Giralao's ex-wife, when she called Giralao at Gargarita's prompting. Witnesses said

during the trial that Giralao pulled up to the club, then charged at Gargarita. The men fought until Gargarita choked Giralao. One witness said she grabbed Gargarita's arm to get him to release his hold.

Gargarita argued he acted in self-defense.

Prosecutors argued that by holding Giralao in the choke after he lost consciousness, Gar-

garita committed murder.

The verdict disappointed "[We were] expecting for murder," said Cindy Nisay, Giralao's cousin. "He's just a good boy, a family man."

Prosecutor Gerald Henderson said he was satisfied with the verdict, but he was hopeful for a murder conviction.

Gargarita's lawyer, Peter Sablan, declined comment.

American Memorial Park closed to unmanned aircraft

On June 19, 2014, National Park Service Director Jonathan Jarvis issued a policy memorandum to ensure that the use of unmanned aircraft is addressed in a consistent manner by the National Park Service before a significant level of such use occurs within the National Park System. He directed park superintendents to use the authority under 36 CFR 1.5 to close units of the National Park System to launching, landing, or operating unmanned aircraft, subject to certain conditions and exceptions. The following closure and definition have become a legal closure.

■ Launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aircraft from or on lands and waters administered by the National Park Service within the boundaries of American Memorial Park is prohibited except as approved in writing by the superintendent.

■ Definition: The term “unmanned aircraft” means a device that is used or intended to be used for flight in the air without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the device, and the associated operational elements and components that are required for the pilot or system operator in command to operate or control the device (such as cameras, sensors, communication links). This term includes all types of devices that meet this definition (e.g., model airplanes, quadcopters, drones) that are used for any purpose, including for recreation or commerce.

According to Superintendent Jim Richardson, “This closure of the park to model airplanes, quadcopters, drones, or other unmanned aircraft is an interim measure until the NPS can study how this new potential use could impact park resources, park values, and visitor safety. Regulations already exist for operation of manned aircraft, but they are not otherwise applicable to use of this new and popular technology.”

As unmanned aircraft have become more affordable and easier to operate, they have begun to appear in some park areas. Although their use remains relatively infrequent across the National Park System, this new use has the potential to cause unacceptable impacts such as harming visitors, interfering with rescue operations, causing excessive noise, impacting viewsheds, and disturbing wildlife. Recent incidents at Grand Canyon National Park, Zion National Park, Yellowstone National Park, and Mount Rushmore National Memorial support the need for the required closures to enable a proper evaluation of this new use.

Exceptions to the closure may be considered by Richardson through the Special Use Permit process, but involve significant advance planning time and adherence to multiple permit conditions.

To learn more about American Memorial Park visit: www.nps.gov/amme.

To view the entire Park Superintendent’s Compendium visit www.nps.gov/amme/park-mgmt/index.htm. (*NPS*)

9th Circuit session, NMI District Conference takes place

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has scheduled a special session in the U.S. District Court of Guam in Hagåtña today, Aug. 27, 2014. The proceedings will begin at 10am.

The District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands located in the Horiguchi building in Garapan, Saipan, will broadcast the proceedings live in the Jury Assembly Room on the second floor. The public is welcome to attend. A photo ID will be required for access to the broadcast of the proceedings.

A three-judge panel consisting of Ninth Circuit Chief Judge Alex Kozinski of Pasadena, California; Senior Circuit Judge Mary M. Schroeder of Phoenix, Arizona; and Circuit Judge N. Randy Smith of Pocatello, Idaho, will hear oral argument and consider appeals of decisions by the U.S. district courts for the districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands.

Cases on the docket are:

■ *United States v. Diaz*, a case from the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, involves Melvin Diaz’s appeal of his jury conviction and sentence for travelling with intent to engage in sexual activity with a minor. Case 12-10579.

■ *Davis v. Guam*, in which Arnold Davis, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, appeals the Guam district court’s dismissal of his action alleging discrimination in the voting process by Guam and by Guam officials in violation of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Case 13-15199.

■ *Guam Industrial Services v. Zurich American Insurance Co.*, in which Guam Industrial Services, Inc., appeals the Guam district court’s judgment in favor of Zurich American Insurance Co. and Star Indemnity and Liability Co. in Guam’s insurance coverage action arising from the sinking of a drydock it owned. Case 13-17005.

While in the region, the panel members will join members of the bar and the local and federal judiciaries in the CNMI for the 2014 Northern Mariana Islands District Conference on Aug. 30 at the Seaside Hall of the Kanoa Resort in Susupe, Saipan, from 8am to 5:15pm.

Each of the panel members will speak during the conference. There will be a conversation with Kozinkski, moderated by NMI District Court Chief Judge Ramona Manglona and attorney Deborah Fisher.

Smith will join NMI Supreme Court Associate Justice John A. Manglona to discuss standards of review. Conference attendees will also have a chance to hear what Schroeder has learned about the Pacific that Washington should.

The central topic of the conference is Big Data, Privacy and Information Security. Attorney Daniel B. Garrie, executive managing partner, Law & Forensics, LLC, will address Big Data and Big Challenges for the Practice of Law; Emerging Hot Button Legal Privacy Topics; Information Security as Applied to Law Firms, Litigation, Courts and Clients; and Emerging Legal Issues Regarding Intellectual Property and Software.

As the final session for the day, local attorneys Maya B. Kara, Bruce Mailman, and Jane Mack will present “Into the CW Minefield: Ethical and Practical Considerations.” (*PR*)

One of the most anticipated modeling events in the CNMI will be held this September.

According to event coordinator Sharmaine Casquero, the 2014 edition of the Marianas Next Top Model will return for its fifth year next month and it would be non-competitive.

The event is being run by the Northern Marianas Association of Stars in the Pacific and will be held Sept. 6, at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe starting at 6pm.

Casquero said the event will be a non-stop musical and variety show featuring the brightest stars of Uncle Ben’s Studio, the Amazing Paper Dolls Diva, Garesa NMI 2014, and Zumbathon.

Casquero said event will also showcase today’s trends in clothing, hairstyle, and artistic expression.


“This will help shape the future in terms of colors, stunning hairstyles, and the need for the latest trends in haircut and clothing industry,” she said.

Uncle Ben Studio’s Charry De Guzman will produce the program, to coincide with the studio’s 10th anniversary, while Casquero will direct and choreograph the event.

Last year’s Marianas Next Top Model hailed two winners out of 24 candidates. It took place at the Hard Rock Café in Garapan.

For more information call 233-2643. (*Jayson Camacho*)

5th Marianas Top Model in September



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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARIA ROSARIO SABLAN CAMACHO	CIVIL ACTION NO. 14-0161
Deceased.	NOTICE OF HEARING

To: All creditors, claimants, Nilda Susana Camacho Sykes, Jacqueline Remedio Camacho Aldan, Jason Roque Sablan Camacho, Christopher Ramon C. Camacho, Ivanka Marie C. Camacho, John Gregorio C. Camacho, Millianna Maria C. Camacho, Lewis Jonathan Camacho, Lee Charles Camacho, Lance Joseph Camacho, and Samantha S.M. Camacho.

Notice is hereby given that a petition for letters of administration seeking appointment of **CARMEN CAMACHO MARATITA**, as Administratrix of the Estate of **MARIA ROSARIO SABLAN CAMACHO** ("deceased"), was filed in the above-entitled Court. A hearing has been set for the above-entitled matter and will be held in Courtroom 223A of the Commonwealth Superior Court, located at the House of Justice-Guma Hustisia-Imwal Awewe, Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, at 1:30 p.m. on September 30, 2014.

All persons who having any objection to the petition, or having a claim against the estate or the deceased, should file their claim with the Clerk of Court of the Commonwealth Superior Court within sixty (60) days after the first publication.

Dated this 14th day of August, 2014

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

In Re Estate of GEORGE A. MANGLONA,	CIVIL ACTION NO. 97-1061
Deceased	

FOURTH AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on March 11, 2009, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of the Estate of George A. Manglona in and to the following property:

- Lot 002 T 22. The Estate owns this lot, which contains an area of 1,448 square meters more or less, in fee simple. Title is subject to outstanding mortgages, the balances due on which are negotiable.
- Lot 008 T 85. This lot contains an area of 901 square meters. The Estate owns a leasehold interest in the lot, which expires on July 21, 2047. No further rent is due.

Both of these properties are situated in Tinian, Northern Mariana Islands. All sales are subject to court approval.


Preliminary title reports are available for inspection at the office of the undersigned, by appointment only.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, September 12, 2014, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 8th day of August, 2014:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer



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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT # 03-2014

Opening date: August 12, 2014 **Closing date: September 02, 2014**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) announces the following job vacancy:

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Employment Application must be accompanied with a copy of all required diploma/certificates and/or official transcripts, original copy of recent police record not more than six (6) months old, original copy of U.S. Department of Defense Form DD214 for retired members or veterans of our Armed Forces, and other documents as required for the position. Public Law 11-70 requires that all male applicants age 18 to 25 years old must submit documentation evidencing his registration with the Federal Selective Service System. All applications and required documents must be submitted to the CPA Administration Office, 2nd Floor Arrival Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. Failure to provide any of the required documents may result in automatic disqualification. Certain vacancies may require written and/or physical test. Selected applicants will be subjected to pre-employment drug screening. CPA reserves the right to waive or implement other qualifications to meet its needs. The deadline for submission of applications and required documents is no later than **4:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 02, 2014.**

Detailed information on qualifications and position description for the above positions shall be picked up along with the application form during regular working hours at the CPA's Administration Office (2nd Floor) of the Saipan International Airport, Arrival Wing. For more information, please contact the CPA HR Administrator Ms. Rita Omar, by email at rita.omar@cpa.gov.mp or by phone at (670) 237-6500.

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/s/ MaryAnn Q. Lizama
Executive Director

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IT&E would like to remind its Government and Business customers that current billing of accounts are due on or before Thursday, **August 28, 2014**. Payments not received by close of business on **August 28** will result in temporary suspension of all telephone services after 6:00PM on that day.

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CNMI Motherread/Fatheread holds completion ceremonies

The CNMI Motherread/Fatheread Literacy Program held a completion ceremony for parents and students at the Tanapag Youth Center and Gualo Rai Youth Center.

Six parents and three children completed the course at the Tanapag Youth Center on Aug. 22. Six parents and nine children completed the course as well for the Gualo Rai Center on Aug. 25.

"They did a great job and I congratulate them," said Beth Demapan, CNMI

Motherread/Fatheread assistant coordinator.

Parents at the Tanapag Youth Center were Maria Olopai, Junnie Masga, Lena Wabol, Frances Kaipat, Rebecca Lisua, and Amanda Castro. The children that completed the Story Exploring Course were guided by Bryan Manabat. Parent trainer Amor Rabauliman instructed the adults.

Parents that completed the program at the Gualo Rai Youth Center were Rita Demapan, Lois Weilbacher, Donya

Borja, Christine Quitugua, Ana Somol, and Beatrice Weilbacher. They were guided by parent trainer Celina Foreman.

Children that completed the program for the Gualo Rai Youth Center's Story Exploring session were Oliver Weilbacher, Leiannie Weilbacher, Jerrilyn Reyes, Elina Borja, Kimora Quitugua, Craig Borja, Joell Borja, Peter Pangelinan, and Roger Sonoda, Jr. Ignacia Reyes conducted the session.

The Northern Marianas Hu-

manities Council, in partnership with the CNMI Public School System, Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, and the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, administers the CNMI Motherread/Fatheread Literacy Program.

Those interested for schedules for private schools, organizations, and agencies could be arranged by contacting the CNMI Motherread/Fatheread at 235-7319, 989-8542 or e-mail cnmimotherread@gmail.com. (Jayson Camacho)



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Graduates pose at the Tanapag Youth Center with Department of Community and Cultural Affairs and CNMI Motherread/Fatheread program coordinator Beth Demapan, far left, front row.



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Graduates of the Gualo Rai Youth Center pose with staff and Joeten Kiyu Public Library's outreach coordinator Celina C. Foreman, far right, front row.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

August 27, 2004

Labor warns manpower services firm

A first-time employer received a warning from the Department of Labor for failing to report the closure of her manpower business. Labor hearing officer Jerry Cody issued the warning to employer Joan U. Cruz, the sole proprietor of JC Security Co. The company failed to inform the Division of Labor of its closure last February, despite the employer's pending work permit applications for two employees. "Joan A. Cruz is warned that any future failure on her part to notify the Director of Labor of the closure of [her] business may result in the imposition of substantial sanctions against her," Cody said. Records showed that JC Security Co. was established to provide security guards to businesses under "manpower" arrangements. In June and July 2003, Cruz employed Roland B. Leo and Manolito B. Lajara as security guards. The Department of Labor, however, found that the applications submitted for both alien workers lacked some of the requirements. The department then issued notices regarding the applications in December 2003 and January 2004.

Drug testing regs for PSS employees OK'd

The Attorney General's Office has approved the proposed regulations on drug testing for Public School System employees. Attorney general Pamela S. Brown signed the proposal on Aug. 16, allowing for the publication of the regulations on the latest issue of the Commonwealth Register. If adopted, the regulations would require drug screening for all PSS employees occupying "safety sensitive positions" and all prospective employees for such positions. Safety sensitive positions include those charged with the responsibility of transporting students or maintaining PSS vehicles. "The proposed regulations are promulgated to foster safety in the workplace and in the community and to improve job performance so that integrity of the workplace and the achievement of PSS's mission are preserved," said Board of Education chair Roman C. Benavente. "PSS realizes that alcoholism, problem drinking, and drug addiction are treatable illnesses. Employees who have problems with drugs or alcohol are encouraged to utilize all available resources to resolve their problems before those problems affect their job performance."

Kobler school hardest hit on Saipan

Among the public schools on Saipan, Koblerville Elementary School sustained the hardest blow from Supertyphoon Chaba, leaving most of its classrooms flooded and roofs and ceiling damaged. KES principal Eric DLG. Evangelista said yesterday that of 25 classrooms, 21 sustained minor damage, and two are heavily damaged. "Most of the classrooms were affected but are workable. However, two sustained major damage. The first one had its roof and ceiling blown away due to strong winds. The other one has major electrical problems," said Evangelista. He said that based on initial assessment, KES is believed to have suffered the most from the typhoon. He said computers, classroom chairs, and tables got wet. Other damage in the school compound included uprooted trees. A portion of the school fence also fell. "The school was a disaster but thanks to the community, we've seen an amazing gesture of unity and cooperation from everybody—parents, teachers, government leaders, students," said Evangelista.

Saipan Junior Leaguer wins the World Series Homerun Derby

Even though the CNMI Junior League All-Stars weren't able to vanquish their opponents and become the champions of the 2004 World Series, one of them was able to rise to the occasion and become the winner of the Homerun Derby. Nicolas San Nicolas was able to live out a dream by making it to Taylor, MI this year, and it got a little bit better for him when he smacked four homers in five attempts in the competition to take the title. In the derby, each batter gets five chances to hit a baseball off a tee. The slugger who sends the most balls the almost 300 feet needed to clear the wall is declared the winner. What makes the feat even more remarkable is that San Nicolas accomplished his goal despite having a broken arm. In the World Series, San Nicolas pitched a four-hitter against the Latin America All-Stars from Punto Fijo, Venezuela, hit a two-run homer against the best Canadian hard-batters from Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, and was a solid .333 at the plate for the tournament.

Samoa leads call to offset carbon for SIDS meeting

Samoa is calling for citizens around the world to help offset carbon emissions as a result of the largest global meeting to be held in the Pacific Islands. The Offset Islands 2014 campaign aims to counter carbon generated from the Third International Conference of Small Island Developing States in September. It is being led by Women in Business Development Inc and has received the backing from Prime Minister, Tuilaepa Sa'ilele Malielegaoi.

In a letter of support, Prime Minister Tuilaepa says he "commends this milestone initiative by the Women in

Business Development Inc. in engaging our village communities and the people of Samoa, the Pacific and the world at large via awareness programs, replanting of trees and rekindling of organic farming to offset carbon emissions."

Women in Business Development executive director Adimaimalaga Tafuna'i said there are environmental repercussions from all the carbon emissions despite green measures government had put in place such as solar-powered conference facilities. The non-governmental organization, which has a network of certi-

fied organic farms, is asking people to people to plant a tree, compost, or mulch to offset carbon emissions.

"If all our farmers, our gardeners actively plant trees, compost and mulch organic material, we can make a

difference," said Tafuna'i. "What's more, we are also asking other nations—our Pacific neighbors, our Caribbean

friends and Indian Ocean colleagues and citizens around the world—to join our efforts." (SPC)

Chong's Corporation is a Green Gala major sponsor

In support of island conservation and MINA's ongoing work, Chong's Corp. recently made a generous donation to MINA's upcoming event, The Green Gala. Their contribution of \$1,000 adds them to the list of major sponsors for this annual fundraiser, which will be held on Friday, Sept. 19, 2014.

"We are very lucky to have the growing support of our island's business community," said Brooke Nevitt, MINA's interim executive director. "Chong's Corp.'s donation demonstrates their commitment to our organization and our work."

The leading conservation nonprofit organization in the Commonwealth, MINA has successfully implemented many projects, including the Obyan Rehabilitation Project, the Teacher Environmental Camp, the Marine Debris Prevention program, and the Tasi Watch Project. The organization is supported by project grants and from generous contributions from local businesses and commu-

nity members.

In order to continue its efforts to preserve and protect the CNMI's fragile environment and biodiversity, MINA is seeking the community's participation in the Green Gala event. In addition to lively entertainment, dinner and a variety of beverages, the Green Gala will feature brief highlights from MINA's projects, a silent auction, and many other activities that promise a memorable evening.

Last year's Green Gala was sold out, so organizers are encouraging those who plan to attend to buy their tickets early.

Tickets for the Green Gala event can be purchased at the MINA Office in Gualo Rai or from any of the volunteer Board members.

There are four categories of sponsorship (Emerald, Title, Major, and Event categories) that correspond to the value of companies' contribution. To become a sponsor of the event, contact Nevitt at 233-REEF (7333), or email castro.fran@gmail.com. (MINA)

USP4GG remembers Ninoy's death

The US Pinoys for Good Governance Marianas Chapter (CNMI) recently dedicated a Mass at the San Antonio Church to commemorate the 31st death anniversary of late senator Benigno Aquino Jr. and to mark a Global Day of Prayer for Peace in the West Philippine Sea.

"I would like to thank Rev. Fr. Romil Apperocho, Sr. Lucy Torres Reyes, Sr. Cilda Tanghal, and other members of the Saipan community who participated in the Commemorative Mass for the 31st death anniversary of Ninoy Aquino and the Global Day of Prayer," said Dr. Celia Lamkin, chairperson of USP4GG Marianas chapter (CNMI and Guam). "This shows that the Filipinos in the CNMI still remember the sacrifices of Ninoy for the

Filipinos whom he said was worth dying for."

Aquino was assassinated on Aug. 21, 1983, on the tarmac of what is now known as the Ninoy Aquino International Airport. He was the husband of Corazon Aquino, who was later to become Philippine president. His assassination led to the downfall of Ferdinand Marcos on Feb. 25, 1986, through the People Power Revolution.

Lamkin urged the Filipino community and its supporters to continue to pray for peace in the West Philippine Sea "while we are waiting for the judgment from the UN Arbitration Tribunal since the Philippine government has already filed charges against China's intrusion in our Philippine territories in January 2013." (PR)



DOCOMO GOLF CLASSIC DONATIONS

Chris Concepcion, center, Delta Air Lines area manager, presents a prize of a roundtrip ticket to the U.S. mainland to Docomo Pacific's Pauline Johnson and Kevin McCale for the upcoming Docomo Pacific Golf Classic to benefit the Marianas Tourism Education Council.

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Joeten Motors general manager Matt Deets, second from left, presents a 2014 Ford Fiesta as one of the hole-in-one prizes at the Docomo Pacific Golf Classic to Docomo Pacific's Pauline Johnson, third from left. Witnessing the presentation are Joeten Motors staff Calvin Yamagishi, Peter Tenorio, Julie Manglona, and Jay Cabrera and Docomo Pacific's Kevin McCale.



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A 2015 Hyundai Elantra will be one of the hole-in-one prizes at the Docomo Pacific Golf Classic. Jay Jones, second from left, president of Triple J Motors, makes the presentation to Docomo Pacific's Pauline Johnson, third from right. Also present is Docomo Pacific's Kevin McCale and Triple J Motors' Ben Lizama and Randy Steele.

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The US policy of not paying ransoms to kidnappers is the right one

Before decapitating American photojournalist James Foley in the desert dirt, the insurgents of Islamic State sought—and failed—to persuade the United States to pay a multimillion-dollar ransom for his release. The U.S., in keeping with its long-standing policy, declined to pay.

Now, with Foley's fellow journalist Steven Sotloff still in the clutches of the fundamentalist group, that harshly practical policy has come under scrutiny. Critics want to know how the U.S. can justify turning its back on an American in trouble, and why it won't simply pay terrorist groups to release hostages the way some European governments apparently do on a regular basis.

It's a good question. But in the end, the U.S. policy is the right one.

The brutal terrorists of Islamic State proved themselves to be amoral thugs long before they executed Foley, which they ostensibly did as vengeance for U.S. military attacks on IS fighters in Iraq. Witnesses say IS has conducted mass executions, beheaded or crucified fellow Muslims as well as non-Muslims, and raped and enslaved women, all in the name of establishing its caliphate amid the chaos of Syria and Iraq.

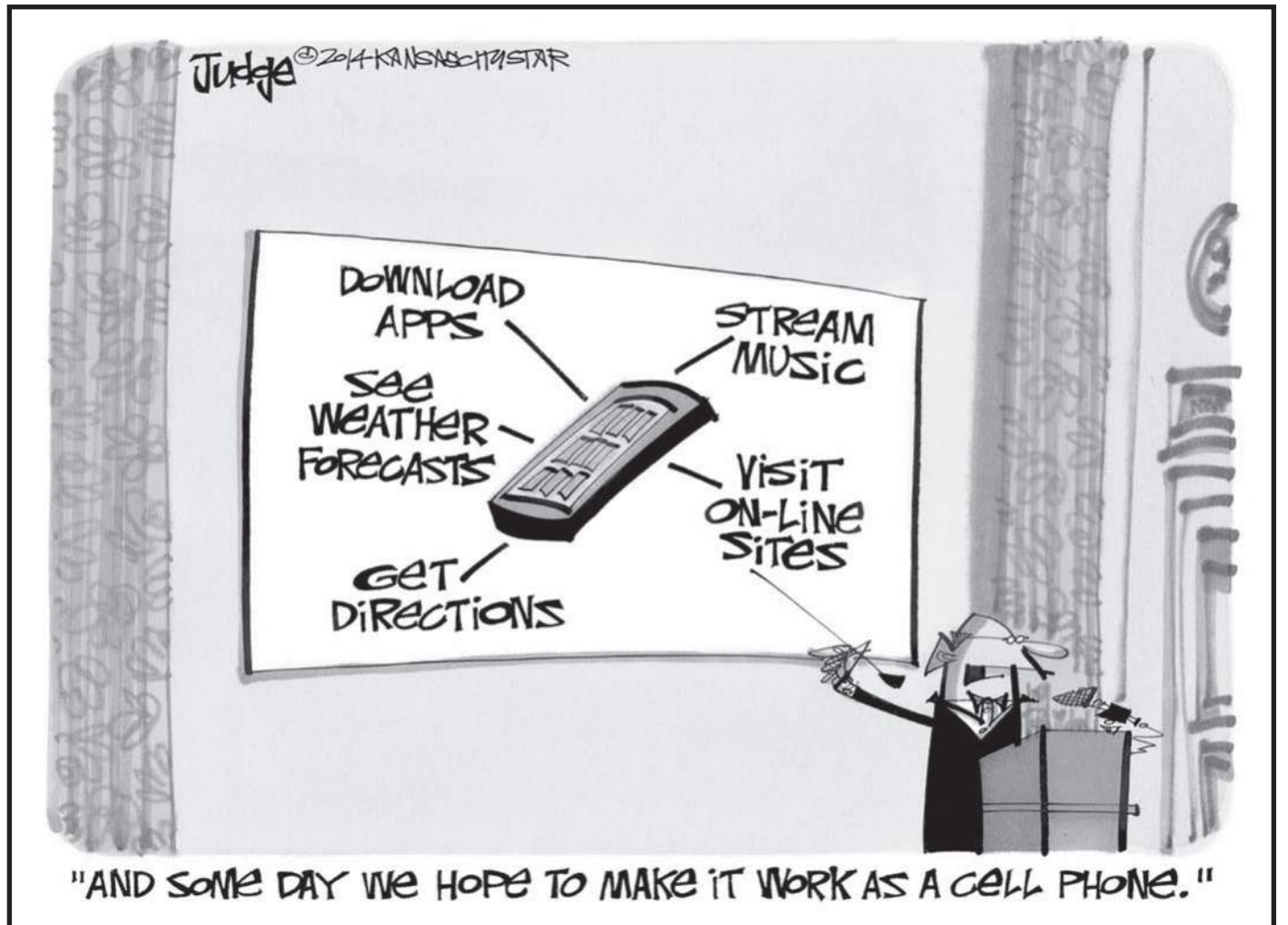
It takes money to wage war, and in the last six months Islamic State has released at least 10 European hostages after extorting ransoms from their governments and families—as much as \$10 million in one reported case. An additional 20 hostages (many of them foreign aid workers) remain in its hands, with four grabbed near Aleppo last week, according to the *Guardian* newspaper. The European hostages stand a good chance of having their freedom bought. Sotloff does not.

Our hearts go out to Foley's family, and we shudder at Sotloff's possible fate. To cut a deal, however, would not only put dollars into the hands of the very terrorists the U.S. is trying to stamp out, but, more importantly, would embolden the extremists to kidnap more Americans.

While it's impossible to determine whether European ransom payers have exacerbated the kidnapping problem, it stands to reason that if hostage takers regularly get the money they demand, they'll only be inclined to repeat the exercise. *The New York Times* reported last month that European ransoms have fed at least \$125 million to Al Qaeda offshoots since 2008, and that money now forms most of Al Qaeda's operating budget.

Standing on principle even though it could cost lives in the short term requires policymakers to make a gut-wrenching, morally difficult choice. Still, the European nations are wrong to let themselves be coerced into paying ransoms. The greater good is served by the Obama administration's adherence to a no-ransom policy.

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Ferguson MO

A media outlet noted that those arrested in the Ferguson unrest were mostly nonresidents. Some used the fact to point out that troublemakers were out for mischief, justifying police militarization in response.

As a foreign student in the '60s, I drove with colleagues all the way from Dallas, TX, to Washington, D.C., to participate in a peaceful protest with MLK Jr., Abraham Herschel, *inter alia*, to indicate the hollowness of the War on Poverty, and the overtly insidious racial overtones of the war in Vietnam.

That a majority of the arrested protesters in Missouri were non-Ferguson residents leads to the question of how many of the police officers (50 Caucasians out of 53 in a community where 7 out of 10 are black) actually live where they worked. A head count in Ferguson and across the major cities of the nation was predictable. Since the suburban captivity of the middle class after WWII, most professionals commuted to work elsewhere than where they lived. In Ferguson, more than 70 percent of the officers lived off the area!

The national media circus that followed the Michael Brown shooting by police officer Darren Wilson led to more objective questions about race demographics. E.g., it is a no-brainer to assume that the defense fund raised for Wilson mostly came from white folks, but the more important query is the ratio of contributions coming from those living in Ferguson.

At the fund rally, an African-American lady lamented that when her group gathered mid-afternoon in broad daylight, the police showed up in full war zone gear while honkey's rally had no police officers in sight!

Additional officers in trouble are loose-mouthed uniformed personnel, one hollered to a protester that "I will f**king kill you" caught on video. In the heat of many interchanges, the outburst was understandable, though regrettably inappropriate for a peace officer.

The other is a veteran who boasted before an exclusive audience of his disdain for "Kenya-born" President Obama and confessed that he had already killed many and would not hesitate to do some more.

The last one triggered painful memories. My university had family hosts for foreign students and the father in mine fought in the WWII Pacific theatre. He pulled out a samurai off a display cabinet to show an authentic sword he brought back from a wasted "Nip" blown out of his hiding place in one western Pacific isle. On our first meal, he also brought out the chopstick souvenir, which was the only thing laid out for my use. All Asians used chopsticks, right?

My host "brother" was an athlete at a local college drafted to fight "those commie gooks" in Vietnam. He was just a regular happy-go-lucky jock and was not as rabidly bloodthirsty as his dad, but the homicidal looks in their eyes were not too far apart.

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The program lasted a year; I endured a semester before I joined my professor in silent vigil at the campus flagpole in protest against U.S. military presence in Vietnam.

At SVES, I joined the Teaching Vietnam Teachers' Network in Washington where our resource person was the late Stanley Karnow, author of *Vietnam: A History*, the definitive story of U.S. presence in Vietnam, also *In Our Image*, an account of the U.S. empire experience in the Philippines. Among the 30 participants, two of us were on the anti side of the Vietnam divide, and though we were committed to the spirit of the Wall that Heals at the Mall, there were among our members who spiced and spiked their words with the jingoistic bravado rabid among pro-war adherents.

Not to take away the pain and sadness of a Michael Brown but Ferguson is not an isolated case. New England after the PA oil well and the TX gusher rode on the back of modern industry, propelled by the internal combustion engine, and after WWII, the children of manifest destiny and "the light on the hill" ruled the world with a well-financed military-industrial complex from the oilfields. "Whoever controls the oil greases the skids that make the world go round!"

That accounts for *gung ho* G.I. Joe and State Department kin, teachers, Peace Corps volunteers, intelligence agents, Chamber of Commerce, missionaries, and anyone else with a yen for adventure in the name and for the sake of the Stars and Stripes.

I caught the yen for global adventure with the *earthrise* of '68, and Mama Earth belched out my illusions one after the other ever since—on war as an instrument of settling disputes, political union in racial diversity, of civilian-led military command, of sovereignty of national boundaries, of inviolate individual rights, et al. Ferguson is a microcosm of that terrifyingly disrupted yet liberatingly birthing universe.

Peter Drucker mused: "Every few hundred years in Western history there occurs a sharp transformation. Within a few short decades, society—its worldview, its basic values, its social and political structures, its key institutions—rearranges itself. We are currently living through such a time." You with us?

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Economic marginalization of NMI

It's a fitting decision by the region's leadership to ask President Obama to cancel plans to expand the Pacific Remote-Islands Marine National Monument of the Western Pacific.

A decision to expand the area could rob the indigenous people of these islands of more islands via a federal policy that has nothing to do with our future wellbeing. The Antiquities Act is a federal law that grants the U.S. president unilateral authority to declare certain public lands across the country national monuments that eventually turn into national parks.

It's a slick federal tool (over 100 years old) on land acquisition that has more than its share of controversy across the country. It's a questionable plan, though the only thing I could draw from it is its use as an antidote to counter island nations, through the South Pacific Forum, pushing for a 500-mile EEZ over the current arrangement. Nah! These island countries won't settle for U.S. federal law that interferes with their sovereign rights. We shouldn't tacitly approve of it either!

The plan reeks of the stealthy and steady cultural annihilation, environmental poisoning, economic marginalization and remilitarization of the islands. Tiny islands and the sea are the only two God-given gifts we know about since birth. Since time immemorial we've fished and farmed them to this day. It's part and whole of our collective traditional spirit conveyed to us via the torch of ancestral leadership.

Beyond the acquisition, there are opportunities ahead for sea and seabed resource development. Would not the expansion curtail such an effort in the near and far term? Now what if every other island is taken via the Antiquities Act? Who then would own these islands? Would the indigenous people benefit from the planned expansion? The land and the sea are the only thing we have for the future our children.

Who are behind such an insidious plan? What if seabed resources are discovered and ready for exploration and sale, who owns

them—the indigenous people or owners of the monument? Could we check if our illustrious and esteemed Delegate Kilili is anywhere nearby? Or is he parroting a clueless President Obastard?

Toying with marijuana

Our southern neighbor is likely to see use of marijuana placed on the ballot for voter determination. I think the crux of the issue is its use for medicinal purposes.

Here we want it for every other purpose! Call it medicinal, the issue remains one requiring thorough review especially if it is allowed for casual or leisurely purposes. Rummaging through some materials I happened upon new report by the Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area titled *The Legalization of Marijuana in Colorado: The Impact*. The impact of legalized marijuana in Colorado has resulted in:

- The majority of DUI drug arrests involve marijuana and 25-40 percent were for marijuana alone.

- æ In 2012, 10.7 percent of Colorado youth ages 12-17 were considered current marijuana users compared to 7.55 percent nationally.

- Drug-related student suspensions/expulsions increased 32 percent from school year 2008-09 through 2012-13; the vast majority was for marijuana violations.

- In 2012, 26.81 percent of college age students were considered current marijuana users compared to 18.89 percent nationally, which ranks Colorado third in the nation and 42 percent above national average.

- In 2013, 48.4 percent of Denver adult arrestees tested positive for marijuana, which is a 16-percent increase from 2008.

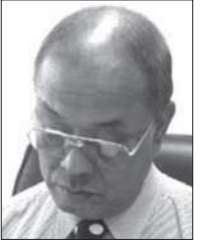
- From 2011 through 2013 there was a 57-percent increase in marijuana-related emergency room visits.

- Hospitalizations related to marijuana have increased 82 per-

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cent since 2008.

The study was by Charles D. Stimson, a leading expert in criminal law and detention policy at The Heritage Foundation's Center for Legal and Judicial studies.

RP honors national heroes

The Pearl of the Orient (Philippines) celebrates (a national period this month) its national heroes who fought in Asia's first anti-colonial revolution to free the Philippines from her conqueror, Spain, more than 200 years ago.

An editorial in the Philippine Daily Inquirer related, "Place and date are still controversial after all these years—but there can be no controversy about the deeper meaning of the national holiday: It recognizes that moment in our history when the most successful uprising against the Spanish colonial authorities took place, when the nation that had been imagined by writers like Jose Rizal and Marcelo H. del Pilar began to take actual shape, under the leadership of organizers like Andres Bonifacio and generals like Emilio Aguinaldo.

"Even more: Today's holiday recognizes the heroism and self-sacrifice of thousands of ordinary people who took part in the revolution. They fought under different leaders, in different provinces, using different tactics. The memoirs and anecdotes they left behind reveal the contradictions inherent in a revolution, but many of them saw themselves as caught up in a popular undertaking. (Alvarez's memoirs, in particular, paint poignant portraits of a people enjoying sudden liberation.)"

I made mention of this event if only to recall whether we also have leaders worthy of recognition for freeing the CNMI from colonialism? There's Chief Quipuha who murdered Fr. San Vitores over religious change from local paganism to Catholicism. But is there anybody else in history worthy of historical accolades for fighting against colonial Spain? Don't know anybody in this category. Share your view if you come across one.

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If anything, the march to real self-government is about 250 years off mark. Until we buckle down to cultural and traditional self-realization of our collective value, only then would there spark a serious move for greater self-rule. Right now, the fatal influences that co-opt neocolonialism makes this journey one difficult navigational chart to follow.

Hey, tell us something new about the candidates

Gary, it is common knowledge that Mr. Juan N. Babauta is by far the most qualified candidate in the race. Period. Which is why I was promoting Mr. Babauta and/or the Democrats before I joined the Democrats! Most importantly we have a sick democracy with one party ruling and the only antidote is to give the Democrats some real political power to create a strong two party system, making this about more than just their qualifications. So telling us about Babauta and Heinz being better qualified is not the complete solution.

Only the Democrats have new different and better plans if you will ever take time to get updated on their platform and their website will be up and running soon and I will personally let you know. But using only the number of bills as a measuring stick is not even close to meeting the many informal requirements for being elected governor. There is also the fact that your comparison is based on old information from over a decade ago and people do change so give the three vying gubernatorial teams credit for being better people than they were 10 years ago. I would like to believe that even you got wiser and better with age, Gary.

Ambrose M. Bennett

Kagman, Saipan

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Less judging, more problem solving



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A noticeable change in the way students are taught is the focus on what the students are doing, not on how the teacher is teaching. Teachers are taught that students learn best when they are highly engaged in the learning process, including hands-on activities in group settings.

This is a response to the online comments made to Education Commissioner Rita Sablan's letter to the editor. Most of the responses were attacking Gary Dubrall and/or the commissioner.

There is a Native American prayer that goes "Great Spirit, grant that I may not criticize my neighbor until I have walked a mile in his moccasins." In the New Testament Christ says, "Judge not that ye be not judged." Special education teachers use the term "Neurological diversity" to identify types of learning disabilities, with some educators saying we are all neurologically diverse; in other words, we do not know how others think and feel. But just imagine if we could walk in Gary Dubrall's moccasins. It seems that he cares about the CNMI youth and wants them to have options and opportunities away from this island. He seems to be educated himself with a variety of diverse island experiences. He doesn't seem to be trying to sell us something that would benefit him financially, and I highly

doubt the newspapers are paying him anything for his letters.

As for Commissioner Sablan, I have worked with her for 24 years, yet I haven't walked in her moccasins. She makes decisions that I do not agree with, but I have never had the reason to think that she is not passionate about education. I do know that she is strict about how PSS money is spent, and she is particularly strict about PSS travel. One online comment that caught my attention was a criticism about Commissioner Sablan's commitment to the Chamorro Carolinian Language Heritage Studies program. Hawaii is proving the value of a strong cultural education program. Students are

once again speaking Hawaiian as their first language, and there are numerous examples of at-risk students, dropouts, and ex-convicts that are changing their lives for the better as they reconnect with their culture. CNMI students who are fluent in their native languages are also top students in the core subjects, and they are better able to adjust to life when they leave the CNMI. *The New York Times* has an excellent article on a research related to the benefits of students knowing their cultural stories. It can be read at: https://www.google.com/?gws_rd=ssl#q=new+york+times+stories+that+bind+us

I suggest we spend less effort judging, and instead focus our efforts on solving problems and doing things that will improve our quality of life.






Valrick Welch

Capital Hill, Saipan

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph becoming east in the evening.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

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Palau	Thunderstorms	▲81 ▼80
Yap	Mostly Sunny	▲82 ▼80
Chuuk	Mostly Sunny	▲82 ▼80
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Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲83 ▼81

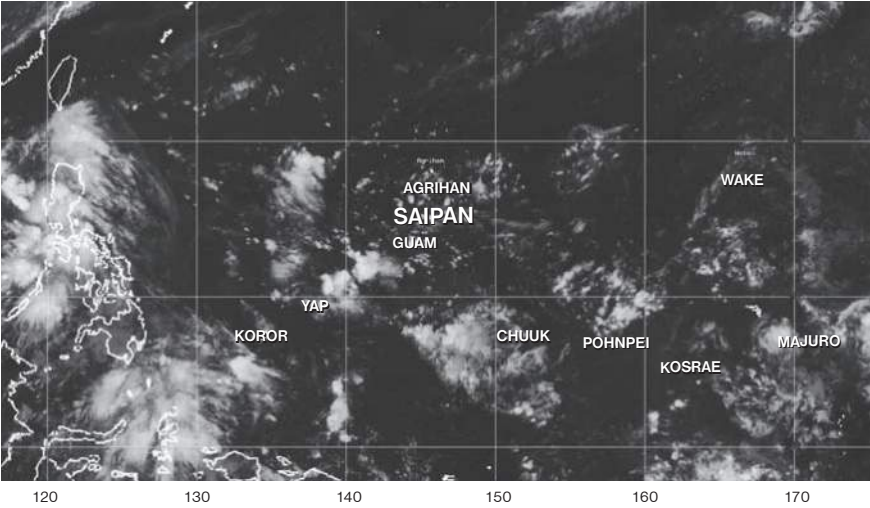
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Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	▲84 ▼78
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲86 ▼74
London	Mostly Cloudy	▲69 ▼62
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲92 ▼69
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲89 ▼75
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲69 ▼42
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲88 ▼78
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲90 ▼66
Osaka	Cloudy	▲87 ▼70
Paris	Showers	▲74 ▼59
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲76 ▼69
Rome	Sunny	▲89 ▼68
Salem	Sunny	▲92 ▼59
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲70 ▼57
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲83 ▼65
Tokyo	Showers	▲79 ▼71
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲93 ▼69

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
3:47 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.7 Feet
9:15 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
3:57 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
10:05 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2014

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

An upper-level trough that runs from 16N135E to 25N134E centered near 16N135E west of the Marianas is triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms between 16N and 19N from 136E to 139E. A weak surface trough reaches southeastward from the central Philippines through 9N130E and curves southeastward to end at EQ139E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are occurring south of Koror and Yap between 5N and 6N from 132E to 135E between the equator and 5N from 130E to 132E and within 35 miles of a line from 1N139E to 5N140E. A weak surface trough runs northward through Guam and the CNMI from 11N144E to 19N147E. An upper-level trough running from 17N141E to an upper low centered at 15N150E is interacting with the surface trough to produce scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms between 6N and 8n from 144E to 150E. A near-equatorial trough meanders east-northeastward from southwest of Chuuk at 5N147E through weak circulations centered near Pohnpei at 5N162E and east of Majuro at 8N179E to beyond 180 at 9N. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are seen near the trough west of Chuuk between 5N and 9N from 145E to 150E just north of Pohnpei from 7N to 11N from 154E to 161E south of Kwajalein between 6N and 8N from 168E to 170E and east of Majuro between 6N and 9N from 174E to beyond the dateline.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:04 AM	6:33 PM
Thursday	6:04 AM	6:32 PM
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Saturday	6:04 AM	6:31 PM
Sunday	6:04 AM	6:30 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	7:05 AM	7:28 PM
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Sunday	10:20 AM	10:13 PM

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UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm	6, 7
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4	UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5	UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7	UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7	UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)				PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	11:15pm	2, 4, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	3:00pm	3, 5, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 6	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
MU7076	4:15am	6:50am	2, 6	MU7075	9:00pm	3:15am+1	1, 5
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764A	3:30am	7:30am	4, 7	MU763A	7:25pm	2:30am+1	3, 6
MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5	MU763	7:55pm	3:00am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
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SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
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OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	DL172/288	7:55am	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	3, 6, 7 via GUM	UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
DL287/473	6:05am	9:45pm	1, 4, 5, 6 via NRT	UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM	UA184/5039	10:25pm	2:00pm+1	6 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:30pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM	UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:50pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA5038/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	2 via GUM	UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:50pm+1	4, 7 via GUM-Rota
UA5078/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	5 via GUM	UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:35pm+1	4, 7 via GUM-Rota
UA5078/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM	UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 6 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM	UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:20pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN	UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via GUM
				UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	5 via GUM
				UA184/5039	11:30pm	2:00pm+1	5 via GUM
				UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1	2, 5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM	D28008	6:05pm	1:20am+1	Aug 5, 10, 14, 19, 24, 28
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UA5039/179	2:30pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM	UA180/5039	9:55pm	2:00pm+1	5, 6 via GUM
UA5078/179	3:20pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM	UA180/5038	9:55pm	2:50pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN	UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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Business

Amazon could be ESPN of video games in Twitch deal

NEW YORK (AP)—Amazon is hoping to become the ESPN of video games.

The e-commerce giant is buying streaming platform Twitch Interactive for \$970 million in cash as it seeks to take part in video gaming's growth as an online spectator sport.

Twitch is a multi-channel online network built for a generation of people who not only enjoy playing video games, but find it entertaining to watch others who might impart tricks and tips for excelling at their favorite games.

Amazon's purchase is an acknowledgment that gameplay video feeds are increasingly lucrative. Twitch had 55 million unique visitors in July, up from 20 million in 2012. Most visited the Twitch.tv website to watch other people play live or recorded games—competitions interspersed with advertising.

Digital video advertising in the U.S. is expected to reach \$5.96 billion this year, according to eMarketer, up 41.9 percent from 2013.

"Broadcasting and watching gameplay is a global phenomenon and Twitch has built a platform that brings together tens of millions of people who watch billions of minutes of games each month," said Amazon



AP
This June 18, 2014 file photo shows the "second screen" feature on the Amazon Fire Phone when connected with a compatible television, in Seattle.

CEO Jeff Bezos in a statement.

The deal is the latest example of Amazon expanding into new commercial arenas. It introduced its own smartphone, the Fire, this month. Earlier this summer, it added same-day delivery, a set-top video streaming device to its list of services for members of Prime, its \$99 annual loyalty program.

Amazon already has an in-house gaming studio that makes games, and its Fire TV set top

box was designed to attract gamers.

Twitch CEO Emmett Shear said Amazon is a good fit because "they believe in our community, they share our values and long-term vision."

Google had been in talks to buy Twitch, but no deal materialized. Forrester Research analyst James McQuivey believes Google might have been a better fit for Twitch.

"Twitch will be a harder as-

set for Amazon to use," he said. "It doesn't have the kind of video streaming audience that

Google's YouTube does."

However, McQuivey added that Amazon is trying to own more of its own content rather than simply selling others' and Twitch could help the company do that.

"(Twitch) captures people's attention for hours a week and it also creates a product tie-in opportunity that Amazon can capitalize on in a way that Google could not," he said.

In a letter addressed to Twitch's users, Shear emphasized Amazon's willingness to allow the gaming service operate independently as a key reason for the deal coming together. It's not clear whether Twitch would have been given as much autonomy had it been purchased by Google, given the leading role that YouTube already plays in online video.

Google declined to comment on Twitch's sale to Amazon.

Seattle-based Amazon's pur-

chase of Twitch is set to close in the second half of 2014.

Twitch, based in San Francisco, spun out of Justin.tv, a quirky service that revolved around a video feed tracking the daily activities of co-founder Justin Kan. The focus shifted to live video for gamers in 2011, a move that has turned Twitch into rapidly growing phenomenon.

In July, users viewed more than 15 billion minutes of content produced by more than 1 million broadcasters, ranging from individual gamers, pro players, video game publishers, developers and others. The company does not release revenue figures, but in September 2013 it received a \$20 million investment from investors including software company Take-Two Interactive and venture capital firms Alsop Louie Partners and Bessemer Venture Partners.

Hard to swallow? Burger King may move to Canada

NEW YORK (AP)—Some Burger King customers are finding it hard to swallow that the home of the Whopper could move to Canada.

Investors seemed to welcome the announcement by Burger King late Sunday that it was in talks to buy Canadian coffee-and-doughnut chain Tim Hortons and create the world's third-largest fast-food restaurant company. The news pushed shares of both companies up more than 20 percent.

But customers were already voicing their discontent with the

60-year-old hamburger chain because of its plans to relocate its corporate headquarters to Canada in a deal that could lower its taxes. By Monday afternoon, Burger King's Facebook page had more than 1,000 mostly negative comments about the potential deal.

Shawn Simpson, who hadn't heard of the talks until approached by a reporter while he was at a Burger King in New York City on Monday afternoon, said he didn't like the idea of the company paying its taxes to another country.

"For them to take their headquarters and move it across the border is a negative for me," said Simpson, 44, who was ordering a Double Whopper and onion rings. "It's an American brand."

A representative for Burger King, Miguel Piedra, said while the headquarters of the new company would be in Canada, Burger King would still continue to be run out of Miami. Piedra also said the comments on Burger King's Facebook page represent a small fraction of the company's more than 7 million followers on the social media site.

Businesses: Quake cleanup shouldn't deter tourists

NAPA, Calif. (AP)—The earthquake that jarred California's wine capital caused \$1 billion in damage, Napa County officials estimated Monday as business owners mopped up high-end vintages that spilled from barrels and bottles and swept away broken glass in the rush to get the tourist hotspot back in shape for the summer's final holiday weekend.

With the dust still settling from Sunday's magnitude-6.0 temblor centered near the city of Napa, government and tourism officials assessing its economic and structural impact encouraged visitors to keep flocking to the charming towns, tasting rooms, restaurants and spas that drive the Napa Valley economy.

While cleanup will take time and broken water mains remained a problem, they said, the worst damage and disruption was confined to the city's downtown, where a post office, library and a 141-room hotel were among 150 homes and buildings deemed unsafe to occupy.

The strongest earthquake to hit the San Francisco Bay Area in a quarter-century also caused several injuries, triggered fires that destroyed or damaged six mobile homes, and ruptured gas lines.

"Clearly, we are concerned that people are going to see that it was a catastrophe, and it certainly wasn't good, but it wasn't a catastrophe by any means," Clay Gregory, president of tourism organization Visit Napa Valley, said as workers at a shuttered downtown visitor's center updated lists of open wineries and surveyed hotels about cancellations. "The real story is that it has impacted a very small part of the valley."

In Napa Valley, two hotels and 12 wineries were still closed Monday, as well as many of the businesses downtown, he said.

Local officials have an early working estimate that Napa Valley suffered \$1 billion in property damage, but they hope the long-term economic impact of the quake to businesses will be modest, Napa County Supervi-

sor Bill Dodd said. He said 80 percent of the valley's 500 or so wineries were unaffected.

If people "think Napa is devastated, it's anything but devastated. We're only 24 hours out from an earthquake, and we're on our way back," Dodd said.

CoreLogic Eqecat, which models economic losses from disasters, estimates that insured losses from the earthquake could range from \$500 million to \$1 billion. Vineyards have already started to harvest their grapes, crush them and store the juice. If the earthquake had happened before the harvest, Eqecat notes, the losses would have been lower.

The wine business and associated tourist crowds represent a bulk of Napa County's economy. Visit Napa Valley estimates that 3 million tourists spend \$1.4 billion a year within the county. The Napa Valley Vintners trade association says the industry generates more than \$13 billion of economic activity each year, including 46,000 local jobs.

Cops called after fliers fight over seat recline

NEW YORK (AP)—Airline passengers have come to expect a tiny escape from the confined space of today's packed planes: the ability to recline their seat a few inches. When one passenger was denied that bit of personal space Sunday, it led to a heated argument and the unscheduled landing of their plane, just halfway to its destination.

The fight started on a United Airlines flight because one passenger was using the Knee Defender, a \$21.95 gadget that attaches to a passenger's tray table and prevents the person in front of them from reclining.

The Federal Aviation Administration leaves it up to individual airlines to set rules about the device. United Airlines said it

prohibits use of the device, like all major U.S. airlines. Spirit Airlines and Allegiant Air take the reclining mechanisms out of their seats, leaving them permanently upright.

The dispute on United Flight 1462 from Newark, New Jersey to Denver escalated to the point where the airline decided to divert to Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, according to Transportation Security Administration spokesman Ross Feinstein.

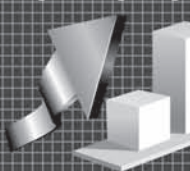
Chicago Police and TSA officers met the flight, spoke to the passengers—a man and a woman, both 48—and "deemed it a customer service issue," Feinstein said. The TSA would not name the passengers.

The plane then continued to Denver without them, arriving 1 hour and 38 minutes late, according to the airline's website.

The Federal Aviation Administration can impose a civil fine of up to \$25,000 for passengers who are unruly. In this case, no arrest was made, according to airport spokesman Gregg Cunningham.

The fight started when the male passenger, seated in a middle seat of row 12, used the Knee Defender to stop the woman in front of him from reclining while he was on his laptop, according to a law enforcement official with knowledge of the situation who spoke on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to speak.

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		Swiss Franc	0.9147
		Taiwan Dollar	29.957
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Nation

Mourners urge black Americans to take action

ST. LOUIS (AP)—The mourners filled an enormous church to remember Michael Brown—recalling him as a “gentle giant,” aspiring rapper and recent high school graduate on his way to a technical college.

But the funeral that unfolded Monday was about much more than the black 18-year-old who lay in the closed casket after being shot to death by a white police officer. The emotional service sought to consecrate Brown’s death as another in the long history of the civil rights movement and implored black Americans to change their protest chants into legislation and law.

“Show up at the voting booths. Let your voices be heard, and let everyone know that we have had enough of all of this,” said Eric Davis, one of Brown’s cousins.

The Rev. Al Sharpton called for a movement to clean up police forces and the communities they serve.

“We’re not anti-police. We respect police. But those police that are wrong need to be dealt with just like those in our community that are wrong need to be dealt with,” Sharpton said.

Two uncles remembered how Brown had once predicted that someday the whole world would know his name.

“He did not know he was offering up a divine prophecy,” Bernard Ewing said.

More than 4,500 mourners filled Friendly Temple Missionary Baptist Church in St. Louis for the service, which at times seemed like a cross between a gospel revival and a rock concert. It began with upbeat music punctuated by clapping. Some people danced in place.

The crowd included the par-



The casket of Michael Brown sits inside Friendly Temple Missionary Baptist Church awaiting the start of his funeral on Monday, Aug. 25, 2014.

ents of Trayvon Martin, the unarmed 17-year-old African-American fatally shot by a neighborhood watch volunteer in Florida, along with a cousin of Emmett Till, a 14-year-old murdered by several white men while visiting Mississippi in 1955. Till’s killing galvanized the civil rights movement.

Also in attendance were several White House aides, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, moviemaker Spike Lee, entertainer Sean Combs and some children of the Rev. Martin Luther King.

The Rev. Charles Ewing, the uncle who delivered the eulogy, said Brown “prophetically

spoke his demise.” And now his blood is “crying from the ground. Crying for vengeance. Crying for justice.”

Poster-size photos of Brown, wearing headphones, were on each side of the casket, which had a St. Louis Cardinals ball cap atop it. Large projection screens showed a photo of him clutching his high school diploma while wearing a cap and gown. Two days after his death, he had been scheduled to start training to become a heating and air-conditioning technician.

Brown, who was to be buried in a St. Louis cemetery, was unarmed when he was killed. A

grand jury is considering evidence in the case, and a federal investigation is also underway.

Police have said a scuffle

broke out Aug. 9 after officer Darren Wilson told Brown and a friend to move out of the street and onto a sidewalk in the St.

Freed US reporter’s dad praises son’s noble cause

JOINVILLE-LE-PONT, France (AP)—The overjoyed father of the American journalist freed by Islamic militants said Monday that his son and others who venture into dangerous lands like Syria deserve praise for wanting to “bear witness ... tell the truth about what’s going on.”

Michael Padnos, who lives on a boat outside Paris, said in an interview with The Associated Press that the interminable search and wait for his son had been like “hunting for bats in a dark, black cave.”

Theo Padnos spoke to his mother in Boston Sunday night “for less than a minute” but

said he was “happy to be back in the civilized world and see some girls,” according to the father’s account.

An unidentified American with the journalist initially spoke with Padnos’ mother, Nancy Curtis, but told her that “he is too upset to talk ... right now.” He called her in the evening, according to the father.

It wasn’t clear when Padnos would return home to Boston. He was apparently in Tel Aviv, where he was driven after being released Sunday in the Golan Heights, a week after the beheading of another American journalist, James Foley, an act that was videotaped and posted on the Internet.

Louis suburb of Ferguson. Police said Wilson was pushed into his squad car and physically assaulted. Some witnesses have reported seeing Brown’s arms in the air in an act of surrender. An autopsy found he was shot at least six times.

Relatives denounced a video released by police, who say it shows Brown snatching cigars from a convenience store just before he was killed. In the video, the person said to be Brown grabs a clerk by the shirt and forcefully pushes him into a display rack.

Sharpton also took the black community to task, saying it should be as upset about black-on-black crime as it is about police violence: “We have to be outraged by our disrespect for each other.”

“Blackness,” he added, “has never been about being a gangster or a thug.”

Money and possessions mean little, he said, “if we can’t protect a child walking down the street in Ferguson” and bring justice.

Brown’s death fueled nearly two weeks of sometimes-violent street protests in Ferguson. His father, Michael Brown Sr., asked protesters to observe a “day of silence” Monday to let the family grieve.

His family said they believe their son was captured in October 2012, shortly after crossing into Syria.

He was held by Jabhat al-Nusra, also known as the Nusra Front, according to U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry. The al-Qaida-linked group is fighting the regime of Syrian leader Bashar Assad.

Michael Padnos brushed aside delays in his son’s return.

“They say they’re going to bring him back when he’s ready to travel,” Padnos said.

“The main thing is he’s safe ... That’s the only thing that counts for me,” he said, calling his son Theophilus, his birth name.

Soldier dies after shooting herself in Virginia

FORT LEE, Va. (AP)—An enraged soldier barricaded herself in a building at a Virginia Army base, threw objects around the office and then fatally shot herself in the head Monday as law enforcement officials tried to negotiate with her, authorities said.

The soldier, who has not been identified, was pronounced dead after being taken to Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center, according to a news release issued by Fort Lee, where the Monday morning shooting took place. No other injuries were reported.

The heavily trafficked base went on lockdown while the soldier was barricaded on the third floor of the four-story building that houses the Army’s Combined Arms Support Command. About 1,100 people were inside, but no one else was hurt, Fort Lee officials said.

The Army said an alert was sounded across the post and

those in the building either took shelter inside or evacuated as directed. Fort Lee police responded within two minutes of being alerted, the news release said.

“This situation could’ve been worse,” said Maj. Gen. Stephen R. Lyons, who took over as commanding general of the support command Friday.

The soldier was a sergeant 1st class who has been in the Army for 14 years and at Fort Lee for three, Lyons said. Her gun was not a service weapon, he said. Army officials said they would not release her identity until 24 hours after notifying her next of kin. They did not say if that had happened yet.

“We are sad for our soldier in arms that she faced those kinds of challenges she had to resort to those kinds of actions,” Lyons said.

He said officials did not know whether she was being treated for any mental health issues

and could not speculate whether drugs or alcohol might have been a factor. Lyons described the soldier as upset and enraged during the incident but said he couldn’t say whether that was consistent with her personality.

Fort Lee reopened and normal operations resumed within an hour of the shooting, Lyons said, with trucks and cars entering and exiting the base. The main gate—closest to the scene—continued to control traffic, but other gates were operating as normal.

The daily population at Fort Lee—25 miles south of Richmond and 130 miles from Washington—is about 34,000, with members from all branches, their families, civilians and contractors. Fort Lee’s website says the installation has seen enormous growth and renovations over the past decade as a result of realignment and closures of bases across the U.S.

ACROSS THE NATION

Renewed calls for early-warning system after quake

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—In the coming years, Californians could have valuable seconds of warning before earthquakes such as this week’s wine country temblor reach them, allowing trains to slow down or stop, power plants and factories to shut off valves, and schoolchildren to dive under desks to avoid falling objects. Earthquake early warning systems that provide such notice are in place in Mexico and Japan. But California has lagged behind those countries, and is still trying to identify funding sources for the roughly \$80 million needed to implement an early-warning system in the state. Sunday’s rolling 6.0 shake near Napa has led to renewed calls for its quick deployment before another, possibly more destructive temblor strikes. Researchers are testing a system that could provide tens of seconds of warning, but it is not available for public use.

Hearings planned after call for nuke-plant closure

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A senior federal nuclear expert is urging regulators to shut down California’s last operating nuclear plant until they can determine whether the facility’s twin reactors can withstand powerful shaking from any one of several nearby earthquake faults. Michael Peck, who for five years was Diablo Canyon’s lead on-site inspector, says in a 42-page, confidential report that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is not applying the safety rules it set out for the plant’s operation. The document, which was obtained and verified by The Associated Press, does not say the plant itself is unsafe. Instead, according to Peck’s analysis, no one knows whether the facility’s key equipment can withstand strong shaking from those faults—the potential for which was realized decades after the facility was built. Continuing to run the reactors, Peck writes, “challenges the presumption of nuclear safety.”

Asia

Dempsey in Afghanistan for transition talks

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—The Pentagon has developed plans that would allow American forces to remain in Afghanistan beyond the end of the year if the contested presidential election drags on and a security agreement isn't signed soon, the top U.S. military officer said Monday.

Shortly before landing in Kabul for a visit, Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters accompanying him on the trip that under optimal circumstances the U.S. would need about 120 days to pull all troops and equipment out of the country if there is no agreement allowing them to stay into 2015.

But Dempsey also said the U.S. can act quickly to pull out if necessary. And he added, "We've got our own planning mechanism in place should this thing extend a little further than we hoped it would."

Dempsey arrived in Afghanistan to attend the change of U.S. command. Marine Gen. Joseph Dunford will turn over control of the war effort to Army Gen. John Campbell.

The transition comes at a critical time as the election of a new president is stalled while an

audit is conducted to determine the outcome. The lack of a president-elect creates a dilemma for the United States, which has said that all troops would leave by the end of the year unless the security agreement is signed.

But officials have suggested there is some leeway. If weeks from now there is still no agreement, the military could stay a bit into next year in order to conduct an orderly departure.

"We've said we need a (security agreement), not because necessarily we lack the authority to stay beyond the end of the year, but rather as an expression of good faith and good will" by the Afghan government, said Dempsey.

The April 6 voting to elect a successor to President Hamid Karzai resulted in a runoff between former Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah and former Finance Minister Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai.

Abdullah received the most votes in the first round but failed to get the 50 percent needed to win. Preliminary results indicated that Ahmadzai was ahead in the runoff. Both men have claimed fraud and an audit is being conducted to determine who won.

Both men have said they will



This Aug. 20, 2014 file photo shows Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Martin Dempsey speaking in New York. AP

sign the security agreement that gives U.S. forces the necessary legal protections to stay in the country. Karzai refused to sign the agreement.

Dempsey acknowledged he is worried about the government transition.

"At some point a winner will be declared, but the loser will have done pretty well with a certain part of the Afghan people," said Dempsey. "I think it's important that they find a way to accommodate (the loser)—that it's not a victor and vanquished, that there's a power sharing agreement."

U.S. officials have been pressing the Afghans to form a national unity government by early September. Secretary of State John Kerry made personal appeals earlier this month to both candidates to find a resolution before the upcoming NATO summit in Wales on Sept. 4.

Dempsey said it's still unclear if either of the candidates would be able to attend the summit, where NATO leaders are expected to make decisions about their nations' future roles in Afghanistan.

Afghan forces, meanwhile, are getting hit hard by the Taliban in the south and the east as the peak summer fighting season continues.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Pakistan cleric at rally warns of 48-hour deadline

ISLAMABAD (AP)—A Pakistani cleric leading a mass anti-government rally in front of parliament has issued a 48-hour deadline for the country's prime minister to step down or he says he's prepared to die. Tahir-ul-Qadri showed protesters a white burial shroud Monday in a speech issuing the deadline for Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, who has refused to step down. It's not clear what Qadri plans to do after his deadline expires, though some have feared protesters may try to enter parliament, which is protected by soldiers. That could set off a violent confrontation. Qadri and opposition politician Imran Khan separately led tens of thousands of people from eastern city of Lahore to Islamabad, protesting against alleged vote fraud in the 2013 elections that brought Sharif to power.

Zimbabwe seeks China's aid as Mugabe meets Xi

BEIJING (AP)—Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe met with Chinese leader Xi Jinping on Monday on a visit to China hoping the long-time ally and economic giant can help the African nation's ailing economy. Mugabe, who has been criticized by Western nations for

human rights violations, was welcomed with a 21-gun salute at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing. "Your Excellency is a renowned leader of the African national liberation movement," Xi said in remarks to Mugabe in a meeting in front of journalists who were briefly allowed into the room. Xi hailed him as an old friend of the Chinese people.

PH rebels burn light plane, warehouse

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Suspected communist guerrillas burned a small plane used for aerial agricultural spraying and a warehouse near an airstrip in the southern Philippines in their latest attack, police said Sunday. At least six New People's Army rebels disguised as policemen barged into the government-owned Philippine Agricultural Aviation Corp. late Saturday in far-flung Tubay town in Agusan del Norte province and used aviation gas stored in the compound to set a parked single-engine plane ablaze, police Inspector Napoleon Boiser said. Boiser, who heads the police forces in coastal Tubay, said the gunmen, who identified themselves as communist insurgents, also burned a warehouse and an electric generator after disarming two guards. They took two shotguns before fleeing, Boiser said by phone.

Group decries India's reliance on waste cleaners

NEW DELHI (AP)—Hundreds of thousands of impoverished, low-caste Indians are still working with their bare hands to clean human excrement from open roads and millions of dry pit latrines across the country, despite Indian laws prohibiting such work, an international rights group said Monday in urging reform.

Ancient and deep-rooted patterns of caste discrimination have kept manual scavengers, as they are known, from escaping their traditional role as waste cleaners, Human Rights Watch said in a report.

Scavenging is mostly carried out by a sub-group of the dalits, an outcast community also known as "untouchables" within India's ancient system of caste hierarchies. They are

often impoverished, shunned by society and forbidden from touching Indians from other castes, or even their food.

That discrimination, as well as chronic debt, blocks them from other jobs and opportunities, Human Rights Watch said.

"When you have no one to clean, only then do you build a proper toilet. That's not happening here, because there is a community that can be made to clean it," said Meenakshi Ganguly, the New York-based group's South Asia director. "It's just so appalling, so no one is going to dispute that manual scavenging must end. But then, they need to make it happen."

There is no firm number for the number of Indians still practicing manual scavenging, earn-

ing as little as 1 rupee (about 2 U.S. cents) a day, or sometimes only their daily bread.

The International Dalit Solidarity Network estimates 1.3 million people are stuck in what it calls the "forced labor" or "slavery" of manual scavenging. The government, which consistently cites figures far lower than those given by civil society groups, said last week that it had counted only 11,000 scavengers in 23 of India's 29 states, though it had yet to survey the other six states. It did not give details.

Human Rights Watch estimates there are at least hundreds of thousands manually cleaning human excrement, Ganguly said, "especially if you also count those cleaning train tracks, clogged drains or

septic tanks. No one is counting them."

Typically, they use their hands or small straw brooms to gather the waste into cane baskets, which they then carry away on their heads.

In terms of toilets alone, there are about 9.6 million pit latrines being cleared despite laws banning dry toilets as well as manual scavenging itself, according to an estimate given earlier this year by India's Supreme Court. The government, however, has given a lower figure of 2.4 million dry latrines.

Nationwide, at least two-thirds of India's 1.2 billion people still defecate in the open, and many do not understand the dire public health consequences.

Stampede at Hindu holy procession kills 10 Indians

NEW DELHI (AP)—A pre-dawn stampede killed 10 people Monday as tens of thousands of Hindus were worshipping in an annual procession in central India, police said.

Some 50,000 devotees had been marking the holy day of Somvati Amavasya by walking or lying down and rolling for 5 kilometers (3 miles) in a wide circle around the spot where the Hindu god Ram is believed to

have spent time during his 14 years in exile.

During the procession, a live electrical wire shocked one woman and set off a panic, triggering the stampede, local deputy police superintendent S.R. Yadav said. A large number of temples are located along the path in Satna district of Madhya Pradesh state.

Aside from the 10 people killed, another 12 were being

treated at a hospital for injuries, Yadav said from district police headquarters. Information from the site 80 kilometers (50 miles) away was still trickling in, he said.

The religious procession has meanwhile resumed.

The state's top elected official, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, said families of those killed would receive compensation payments of

\$3,300 each.

Deadly stampedes are fairly common during India's often-chaotic religious gatherings and festivals, where large crowds gather in small areas with few safety or crowd control measures.

In October 2013, another stampede in Madhya Pradesh state killed more than 110 people, mostly women and children.

World

Liberia: Doctor given experimental Ebola drug dies

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP)—A Liberian doctor who received one of the last known doses of an experimental Ebola drug has died, officials said Monday. Separately, Canada said it has yet to send out an untested vaccine that the government is donating.

Ebola has left more than 1,400 people dead across West Africa, underscoring the urgency for developing potential ways to stop and treat the disease. However, health experts warn these drugs and vaccines have not undergone the rigorous testing that usually takes place before they are used.

The experimental vaccines are at still at a Canadian laboratory, said Patrick Gaebel, spokesman for the Public Health Agency of Canada, who declined to speculate how many weeks it could be before those are given to volunteers.

“We are now working with the (World Health Organization) to address complex regulatory, logistical and ethical issues so that the vaccine can be safely and ethically deployed as rapidly as possible,” Gaebel said.

Earlier this month, Canada said it would donate 800 to 1,000 doses of an Ebola vaccine that it developed. Likely candidates include health care workers treating Ebola patients.

The experimental drug known as ZMapp has been tried in only six people. Health experts caution that since ZMapp was never tested in humans, it is unclear whether it works. The small supply is now said to be exhausted and it is expected to be months before more can be produced.



A man, left, renting out his wheelbarrow moves food goods for people in the West Point area that have been hardest hit by the Ebola virus spreading in Monrovia, Liberia, Monday, Aug. 25, 2014. A Liberian doctor who was among three Africans to receive an experimental Ebola drug has died, the country's information minister said Monday.

Dr. Abraham Borbor, the deputy chief medical doctor at Liberia's largest hospital, had received ZMapp, along with two other Liberians. He “was showing signs of improvement but yesterday he took a turn for the worse,” and died Sunday, Information Minister Lewis Brown told The Associated Press.

There was no update provided Monday on the other two Liberians who received the drug.

Earlier, it had been given to two Americans aid workers and a Spanish missionary priest, who died after he left Liberia. After receiving rigorous medical care in the U.S., the Americans survived the virus that has killed about half of its victims.

Ebola can cause a grisly death with bleeding from the eyes, mouth and ears. The virus can only be transmitted through direct contact with

Syria warns US: No unilateral strikes on militants

BEIRUT (AP)—Syria said Monday it was ready to help confront the rising threat from the Islamic State group, but warned the United States against carrying out airstrikes without Damascus' consent, saying any such attack would be considered an aggression.

In seeking to portray itself as a partner for the international community, Syria seemed intent on capitalizing on the growing clamor among some U.S. officials, including military leaders, to expand the current American air campaign against the Islamic extremists in Iraq and to hit them in Syria as well.

President Barack Obama has long been wary of getting dragged into the bloody and complex Syrian civil war that the United Nations says has killed more than 190,000 people. He has resisted intervening militarily in the conflict, even after a deadly chemical weapons attack a year ago that Washington blamed on President

Bashar Assad's government.

But the extremist group's rampage across wide swaths of Iraq, declaration of a state governed by their harsh interpretation of Islamic law in territory spanning the Iraq-Syria border, and grisly beheading of an American journalist, have injected a new dynamic into those calculations. Now, Obama faces pressure from his own military leaders to go after the extremists inside Syria.

On Monday, a senior administration official said Obama authorized surveillance flights over Syria, a move that could pave the way for U.S. airstrikes. The official who confirmed the decision was not authorized to discuss Obama's decision publicly by name, and insisted on anonymity.

Speaking in Damascus, Syrian Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem appeared acutely aware of how much has changed since last August, when the U.S. was threatening to carry out punitive airstrikes against Assad's

government in the wake of the chemical attack. Since then, global disapproval has shifted away from Assad and toward the Islamic extremists who are fighting him and spreading destruction across Syria and Iraq.

Al-Moallem told reporters his government is ready “to cooperate and coordinate” with any side, including the U.S., or join any regional or international alliance against the Islamic State group. But he said any military action inside Syria should be coordinated with the Syrian government.

“Any strike which is not coordinated with the government will be considered as aggression,” he said.

He said Damascus has warned repeatedly of the threat of terrorism and the need to cut off resources and funding, but “no one listened to us.” Syria's government has long described the rebels fighting to topple Assad as “terrorists” in a foreign conspiracy.

Ukrainian president dissolves parliament

KIEV, Ukraine (AP)—Ukraine's president on Monday dissolved parliament and called for early elections in October as his country continues to battle a pro-Russian insurgency in its eastern regions.

In a statement on his website, President Petro Poroshenko said snap elections would be held Oct. 26.

Poroshenko said the dissolution, which was prefigured by the breakup of the majority coalition last month, was in line with “the expectations of the vast majority of the citizens of Ukraine” and called it a move toward “cleansing”

the parliament.

Many members of parliament “are allies of the militants-separatists,” Poroshenko said, referring to the pro-Russian rebels who have battled government troops in the country's east since April.

The Party of Regions, which is backed by much of the country's industrial, Russian-speaking east and was supported by pro-Russian ex-president Viktor Yanukovich, was the largest party in parliament before Yanukovich fled the country in the wake of massive protests in February and still has a substantial presence.

Most of these members “accepted dictatorial laws that took the lives of the Heaven's Hundred,” he said, using the common term for those killed during the protests against Yanukovich, many by sniper fire.

He emphasized the need to elect new leaders from the war-torn areas of east Ukraine in order to represent the region in the new government. It wasn't clear how it would be possible to conduct elections at such short notice in Donetsk and Luhansk, where hundreds of thousands have fled their homes and shelling between rebel and government forces continues daily.

WORLD BRIEFS

American held in Syria freed after nearly 2 years

WASHINGTON (AP)—As the U.S. mourned an American journalist beheaded by Islamic militants, the nation found something of a reprieve with the release of another freelance reporter who had been held hostage for nearly two years by an al-Qaida-linked group in Syria. Peter Theo Curtis, who wrote under his birth name of Theo Padnos, was freed Sunday, offering consolation to U.S. officials, a journalism community and family members deeply unnerved by the grisly video of James Foley's beheading in a desolate desert landscape. Curtis' father, Michael Padnos, said

Curtis spoke to his mother in Boston Sunday night and that he seemed to be in good physical health. Padnos said his son was in Tel Aviv and would be flown back to Boston once he is ready to travel. Padnos praised the work of the U.S. and other governments in getting his son freed.

Vatican: Ex-envoy can be tried by Dominican court

VATICAN CITY (AP)—The Vatican said Monday that its former ambassador to the Dominican Republic, accused of sexually abusing young boys in the Caribbean country, had lost his diplomatic immunity and could be tried by Domini-

can or other courts. The Vatican has previously insisted in its handling of the delicate case of Josef Wesolowski that he enjoyed diplomatic immunity and that the Holy See doesn't extradite its own citizens. But in a statement Monday, the Vatican spokesman the Rev. Federico Lombardi, said Wesolowski had ceased all diplomatic activity for the Holy See, lost his related immunity and therefore “might also be subjected to judicial procedures from the courts that could have specific jurisdiction over him.” The Vatican recalled Wesolowski a year ago after allegations emerged in the Dominican Republic that he had sexually molested young boys there.

Focus

Mimicking the airlines, hotels get fee-happy



In this Friday, Aug. 15, 2014 photo, people walk by the Bellagio, in Las Vegas.

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NEW YORK (AP)—Forget bad weather, traffic jams and kids asking, “Are we there yet?” The real headache for many travelers is a quickly-growing list of hotel surcharges, even for items they never use. Guaranteeing two queen beds or one king bed will cost you, as will checking in early or checking out late. Don’t need the in-room safe? You’re likely still paying. And the overpriced can of soda may be the least of your issues with the hotel minibar.

Vacationers are finding it harder to anticipate the true cost of their stay, especially because many of these charges vary from hotel to hotel, even within the same chain.

Coming out of the recession, the travel industry grew fee-happy. Car rental companies charged extra for services such as electronic toll collection devices and navigation systems. And airlines gained notoriety for adding fees for checking luggage, picking seats in advance, skipping lines at security and boarding early. Hotel surcharges predate the recession, but recently properties have been catching up to the rest of the industry.

“The airlines have done a really nice job of making hotel fees and surcharges seem reasonable,” says Bjorn Hanson, a professor at New York University’s hospitality school.

This year, hotels will take in a record \$2.25 billion in revenue from such add-ons, 6 percent more than in 2013 and nearly double that of a decade ago, according to a new study released Monday by Hanson. Nearly half of the increase can be attributed to new surcharges and hotels increasing the amounts of existing fees.

Hanson says guests need to be “extra-attentive” to the fine print. Fewer and fewer services come for free.

Need to check out by noon but don’t have a flight until after dinner? Hotels once stored luggage as a courtesy. Now, a growing number charge \$1 or \$2 per bag.

Shipping something to the hotel in advance of your trip? There could be a fee for that too. The Hyatt Regency San Antonio, which subcontracts its business center to FedEx Office, charges \$10 to \$25 to receive a package, depending on weight.

Some budget hotels charge \$1.50 a night for in-room safes.

Convincing a front desk employee to waive a fee at check-out is getting harder. Fees are more established, better disclosed and hotel employees are now trained to politely say no.

“It’s the most difficult it’s ever been to get a charge removed,” Hanson says.

U.S. hotels last year took in \$122.2 billion in room revenue, according to travel research company STR. Fees only add an extra 2 percent in revenue, but Hanson notes the majority of that money is pure profit.

Some guests are revolting.

Royce Breckon travels frequently for his job marketing outdoor sport-

ing equipment but refuses to spend the night at any hotel charging for Internet. Charges typically range from \$10 to \$25 a night.

“You can walk into just about any coffee shop and have it for free,” Breckon says.

The American Hotel and Lodging Association says fees are common in the travel business and that its members disclose them at the time of booking.

Hotels first started adding surcharges in 1997, mostly at resorts with expansive pools, tennis courts and fancy gyms. The so-called resort fees paid for staff to set up beach umbrellas and lounge chairs. Three years later, hotels added energy surcharges to cover rising utility bills.

Hotels then refrained from adding any major surcharge for several years. But as airlines and car rental agencies made fees commonplace, hotels started to think up new ones, collecting record amounts in each of the past four years, according to Hanson’s research.

Even the in-room minibar—a decades-old splurge—isn’t safe from the new wave of add-ons.

At the Liberty Hotel in Boston a cold can of Coke from the minibar costs \$5. That’s just the base price. The fine print on the menu reveals an 18-percent “administrative fee” to restock the bar.

Elsewhere, the in-room offerings more conspicuous. Jimmy R. Howell was shocked by the W San Diego’s efforts to sell him snacks and drinks.

“Usually these extras are kept under lock and key,” Howell says. At the W, they were “strewn about” the room, above the bar, on the desk, nightstands

and in the bathroom. “It seems like an effort to tempt you.”

Even moving an item in the minibar can generate a fee.

The Aria Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, like many other hotels, bills items to guests’ rooms if sensors in the minibar note they have been removed for more than 60 seconds—enough time, hotels say, to read the nutritional information and make a decision.

The Aria goes one step further. It also charges a \$25 a day “personal use fee” if a guest puts their own soda or bottled water in the minibar. A guest in need of a mini refrigerator can have one delivered to their room—for an extra \$35 a night.

Some hotels are bucking the trend. Hyatt’s upscale boutique Andaz chain offers complimentary local snacks and non-alcoholic drinks from its minibars.

Hotels are also revisiting resort fees, upping the price, especially at the high-end.

For \$650 a night, guests at the St. Regis Bahia Beach Resort—set on a former coconut plantation in Puerto Rico—enjoy rooms with 300-thread-count sheets and walk-in-closets. But that’s not the full price. There’s a \$60 nightly resort charge, which provides for a welcome drink upon check-in, Internet access, the use of beach umbrellas and lounge chairs, bicycles and a daily poolside ritual iced tea service that includes fruit skewers. Guests pay whether they use the services or not.

Other hotels are adding mandatory tips.

The Fairmont Southampton in Bermuda, which was recently charging

\$469 a night, charges a resort fee and mandatory gratuities for each person in a room. So two adults and two kids sharing a room would incur \$48.28 a night in resort fees and \$40.80 tips—adding 19 percent to the nightly rate.

And the fees aren’t limited to resorts anymore. The Serrano hotel in downtown San Francisco adds on a \$20 per night “Urban Fee” that includes Internet, local phone calls, newspapers, morning coffee and use of bicycles.

Perhaps nowhere are hotels pushing fees further than in Las Vegas. Forget resort fees. Those are taken for granted there. Resorts like The Bellagio are learning from airlines and selling enhancements.

Want to skip the notoriously long Las Vegas check-in lines? That will be \$30 extra. Want to check-in early? That’s another \$30. Check-out late? Also \$30.

And if you want two queen beds or one king bed, it will cost extra to guarantee your preference. For an extra—you guessed it—\$30, the Bellagio will lock in three room preferences such as bed type, requests to be near or far away from the elevators, rooms on a high or low floor or the option to have quieter non-connecting rooms.

Then there was the fee Hank Philippi Ryan, a mystery writer, faced while in town to sign copies of her new book “Truth Be Told” at a convention. Before heading to the airport, she went to the lobby of the Paris Las Vegas Hotel and Casino to print her boarding pass. There a kiosk offered the service—for \$7.95.

“I think I actually yelled,” she recalls. “I had never seen that before.”

Campus Life

Pediatricians' Rx for schools: Later start times

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CHICAGO (AP)—Pediatricians have a new prescription for schools: later start times for teens.

Delaying the start of the school day until at least 8:30 a.m. would help curb their lack of sleep, which has been linked with poor health, bad grades, car crashes and other problems, the American Academy of Pediatrics says in a new policy.

The influential group says teens are especially at risk; for them, "chronic sleep loss has increasingly become the norm."

Studies have found that most U.S. students in middle school and high school don't get the recommended amount of sleep—8 1/2 to 9 1/2 hours on school nights; and that most high school seniors get an average of less than seven hours.

More than 40 percent of the nation's public high schools start classes before 8 a.m., according to government data cited in the policy. And even when the buzzer rings at 8 a.m., school bus pickup times typically mean kids have to get up before dawn if they want that ride.

"The issue is really cost," said Kristen Amundson, executive director of the National Association of State Boards of Education.

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School buses often make multiple runs

each morning for older and younger students. Adding bus drivers and rerouting buses is one of the biggest financial obstacles to later start times, Amundson said. The roughly 80 school districts that have adopted later times tend to be smaller, she said.

After-school sports are another often-cited obstacle be-



In this Feb. 7, 2014 file photo, students Julian Lopez, second left, Ben Montalbano, second right and James Agostino, right, listen during their Advanced Placement (AP) Physics class at Woodrow Wilson High School in Washington. A new policy from the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends delaying classes for all teens until at least 8:30am to curb their widespread lack of sleep, which has been linked with poor health, bad grades, car crashes and other problems. The policy was published online Monday, Aug. 25, 2014, in Pediatrics.

cause a later dismissal delays practices and games. The shift may also cut into time for

homework and after-school jobs, Amundson said.

The policy, aimed at middle

schools and high schools, was published online Monday in the journal Pediatrics.

Evidence on potential dangers for teens who get too little sleep is "extremely compelling" and includes depression, suicidal thoughts, obesity, poor performance in school and on standardized tests and car accidents from drowsy driving, said Dr. Judith Owens, the policy's lead author and director of sleep medicine at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

The policy cites studies showing that delaying start times can lead to more nighttime sleep and improve students' motivation in class and mood. Whether there are broader, long-term benefits requires more research, the policy says.

Many administrators support the idea but haven't resolved the challenges, said Amundson. She said the pediatricians' new policy likely will have some influence.

Parents seeking a change "will come now armed with this report," Amundson said.

UOG launches search for 2014 Distinguished Alumni

MANGILAO, Guam—The University of Guam Alumni Association, in cooperation with the University of Guam Office of Development and Alumni Affairs, is excited to announce that nominations for the 2014 UOG Distinguished Alumni Awards will be accepted from Sept. 1 to Oct. 6, 2013, no later than 4pm. A total of six awards will be given to deserving individuals. Five awards will be given to one individual from each of the university's schools and colleges: College of Liberal Arts & Social Sci-

ences; College of Natural & Applied Sciences; School of Business & Public Administration; School of Education; and School of Nursing and Health Sciences. One award will be given to an alumnus/alumna who is currently serving or is retired from military service.

Awards

All recipients will be recognized at the UOG Alumni Reunion scheduled for Nov. 15, 2014, at the Hilton Guam Resort & Spa from 6pm to 9pm. They will each receive a plaque, a certificate of

recognition from the president of the University of Guam, and will be featured in a news release distributed to all local media. Awardees will be featured on the university's website and social media channels.

Eligibility

Any individual who has graduated earlier than 2008 is eligible to be nominated. The nominee must consent to being included in the selection process.

Nomination process

Nominations may be submitted by any individual, independently or on behalf of a group or institution. Self-nominations will not be accepted. Requirements:

- Submit an official Nomination Form highlighting the nominee's achievements, and explaining how the nominee meets the criteria for the award.

- Submit a CV/resume and two letters of support from individuals familiar with the nominee's work addressing the eligibility criteria.

- Supporting documents: depending on the nominee's field of endeavor, such documents could include notices and reviews of the nominee's work, sample publications, samples of media coverage, personal citations and testimonials, etc.

Nominees will be contacted as soon as the Nomination Form is received. If a nominee cannot be contacted and their consent is not given by Oct. 13, 2014, no later than 4pm, the individual will not be considered for the award.

Upon acceptance of the nomination, nominees may submit specific evidence of their ac-

complishments in the following areas, limited to five pages.

Judging criteria

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- Civic and university involvement, awareness and concern.

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UOG professor publishes *tanka* book

Dr. Yukiko Inoue-Smith, a professor of Educational Psychology and Research at the University of Guam School of Education, announces the release of her new book, *CAT TANKA: Our Home Reflected in the Eyes of Two Cats*. The book, written in a classic Japanese poetry form called *tanka*, is published by Union Press.

About the book

A middle-aged couple, who had planned to have cats in their "sunset" years, was charmed by an extraordinary friendly ownerless cat they happened to meet, and became foster parents of the kittens the ownerless cat gave birth to. And so two human beings and two cats have started living together (mostly) in harmony in a one-bedroom home. This sort of living situation ensures that the cats have an impact on everything the couple does. Just as the cats needed to have their foster parents, the couple needed to have the cats. The couple's shared realization that they needed cats in their lives allows them to face the many problems these two cats create, with a sense of humor, and without losing sight of the affection the couple feels for the



Inoue-Smith

cats. This book written in both Japanese and English can be used as supplemental reading for English language learners.

About the author

Yukiko Inoue-Smith, Ph.D. is a professor of education at the University of Guam, where she teaches educational psychology and conducts research on lifelong learning and career development. Books in specialized fields include *Cases on Blended and Online Learning Technologies* and *Online Education for Lifelong Learning*. Just as strong as her passion for teaching and research, *tanka* poetry is an area that she has invested much passion and commitment. *Tanka* books published include: *A Shawl of Mist* and *Was It All A Dream?*. (**UOG**)

First Year Death Anniversary

†Casiano Benavente Matsunaga

Lovingly known as "Cash"
August 5, 1940 - September 1, 2013

We, the family of the late †Casiano Benavente Matsunaga invite our relatives and friends to join us in prayers as we commemorate the First Year Death Anniversary of our beloved unto eternal life.

Mass of Intentions is being offered nightly at 6:00PM which had started on Sunday, August 24 until Monday, September 1, 2014 at San Vicente Church.

Your presence, thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase and Thank You
The Family

Life & Style

‘Breaking Bad’ and Bryan Cranston win Emmy Awards



AP
Aaron Paul, and from left, Vince Galligan, and Bryan Cranston pose with their awards for outstanding drama series for their work on “Breaking Bad” at the 66th Primetime Emmy Awards at the Nokia Theatre L.A. Live on Monday, Aug. 25, 2014, in Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—“Modern Family” won a record-tying fifth best comedy series Emmy Award and a dominant “Breaking Bad” captured the top drama award and a trio of acting honors in Monday’s ceremony, which took a somber turn as Robin Williams was remembered with restraint and grace by his longtime friend, Billy Crystal.

“He made us laugh. Hard. Every time you saw him,” Crystal said of Williams at the conclusion of a tribute to industry members who died last year. “Robin Williams, what a concept.”

Bryan Cranston was hon-

ored as best actor in a drama for “Breaking Bad,” proving that “True Detective” nominee Matthew McConaughey’s movie-star appeal couldn’t conquer all.

“I have gratitude for everything that has happened,” Cranston said. His victory ties him with four-time best drama actor champ Dennis Franz. Cranston’s co-stars Aaron Paul and Anna Gunn were honored in categories for best drama supporting acting.

“Thank you for this wonderful farewell to our show,” said “Breaking Bad” creator Vince Gilligan said of the series about a teacher-turned-drug kingpin

that ended with a bang.

“The Good Wife” star Julianna Margulies won the Emmy for best lead actress in a drama series. “What a wonderful time for women on television,” Margulies said.

McConaughey was the object of too-handsome jokes by presenter Jimmy Kimmel and adoration by winner Gail Mancuso, honored as best director for an episode of “Modern Family.”

“If you don’t mind, Matthew McConaughey, I’m gonna make eye contact with you right now,” she said from the stage, making good by holding the actor’s gaze for much of her speech.

The ceremony honoring the best of TV wasn’t shy about playing the movie-star card. “Six minutes to Woody Harrelson” flashed on screen during

British director Colin Bucksey’s acceptance speech for best miniseries direction for “ Fargo.”

Harrelson and his “True Detective” co-star were given time to banter before announcing that British actor Benedict Cumberbatch of “Sherlock: His Last Vow” was the winner of the best miniseries actor award.

“So you won Oscar, (People magazine’s) Sexiest Man Alive and now you want an Emmy, too. Isn’t that a little bit greedy?” Harrelson teased his fellow nominee.

“ Fargo” was named best miniseries, and the award for best miniseries actress went to Jessica Lange of “American Horror Story: Coven.”

Buffering the miniseries awards was a parody routine about top nominees by “Weird Al” Yankovic. Musical numbers usually look out of place at the Emmys, and this one was no different. Other scripted banter fell flat, although host Seth Meyers kept soldiering on.

CBS’ “The Big Bang Theory” star Jim Parsons was crowned as best comedy series actor, giving him his fourth Emmy and putting him

in league with all-time sitcom winners Kelsey Grammer and Michael J. Fox.

ABC’s “Modern Family,” which tied “Frasier” as the all-time sitcom champ with five statuettes, also captured a best comedy supporting actor trophy for Ty Burrell. Allison Janney was honored as best supporting comedy actress for CBS’ “Mom,” adding to the trophy she’d already picked up as guest actress on “Masters of Sex.”

Julia Louis-Dreyfus, who received her third consecutive best comedy actress Emmy for the political comedy “Veep,” drew big laughs as she stopped to exchange faux heated kisses with Cranston, who earlier was her co-presenter and who appeared with her on “Seinfeld.”

Meyers kicked off the ceremony by tweaking his home network, NBC, and other broadcasters for being eclipsed in the awards by cable series and online newcomers like “Orange Is the New Black.”

Noting that the Emmys moved to Monday night to avoid a conflict with Sunday’s MTV Video Music Awards, he said that MTV doesn’t really specialize in videos anymore.

WINNERS’ LIST

List of winners at Monday’s 66th annual Primetime Emmy Awards presented by the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences:

- Drama Series: “Breaking Bad,” AMC.
- Actor, Drama Series: Bryan Cranston, “Breaking Bad,” AMC.
- Actress, Drama Series: Julianna Margulies, “The Good Wife,” CBS.
- Supporting Actor, Drama Series: Aaron Paul, “Breaking Bad,” AMC.
- Supporting Actress, Drama Series: Anna Gunn, “Breaking Bad,” AMC.
- Directing, Drama Series: Cary Joji Fukunaga, “True Detective,” HBO.
- Writing, Drama Series: Moira Walley-Beckett, “Breaking Bad,” AMC.
- Comedy Series: “Modern Family,” ABC.
- Actor, Comedy Series: Jim Parsons, “The Big Bang Theory,” CBS.
- Actress, Comedy Series: Julia Louis-Dreyfus, “Veep,” HBO.
- Supporting Actor, Comedy Series: Ty Burrell, “Modern Family,” ABC.
- Supporting Actress, Comedy Series: Allison Janney, “Mom,” CBS.
- Directing, Comedy Series: Gail Mancuso, “Modern Family,” ABC.

- Writing, Comedy Series: Louis C.K., “Louie,” FX.
- Miniseries: “ Fargo,” FX.
- Movie: “The Normal Heart,” HBO.
- Actor, Miniseries or Movie: Benedict Cumberbatch, “Sherlock: His Last Vow,” PBS.
- Actress, Miniseries or Movie: Jessica Lange, “American Horror Story: Coven,” FX.
- Supporting Actress, Miniseries or Movie: Kathy Bates, “American Horror Story: Coven,” FX.
- Supporting Actor, Miniseries or Movie: Martin Freeman, “Sherlock: His Last Vow,” PBS.
- Directing, Miniseries, Movie or Dramatic Special: Adam Bernstein, “ Fargo,” FX.
- Writing, Miniseries, Movie or Dramatic Special: Stephen Moffat, “Sherlock: His Last Vow,” PBS.
- Variety Series: “The Colbert Report,” Comedy Central.
- Writing, Variety Special: Sarah Silverman, “Sarah Silverman: We Are Miracles,” HBO.
- Directing, Variety Special: Glenn Weiss, “67th Annual Tony Awards,” CBS.
- Reality-Competition Program: “The Amazing Race,” CBS.

In Celebration of His New Life

† Faustino Risong Ngeskebei

July 7, 1937 – August 21, 2014

In His New Life, He Now Joins His:

Wife: †Tamiko I. Ngeskebei
Son: †Benzi I. Ngeskebei

His Memories Will Forever Life in The Hearts of His:

Children: Balerie I. Ngeskebei
Belafonte I. Ngeskebei
Ann Marie I. Delemel

Grandchildren: Benzi Ngeskebei
Leilani R. Ngeskebei
Shelvy Ngeskebei
Tamiko Ngeskebei

Great Grandchild: Elijah I. Ngeskebei

Daily Mass of Intentions is celebrated each night at 6:00PM at San Antonio Parish Church.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday, August 29, 2014. Viewing will be held at CHC Chapel at 9:00AM followed by Mass at 11:00AM. Interment Service will follow immediately at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery where he will be at a peaceful rest.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYERS

Thank You, Si Yu’us Ma’ase, Mesulang

The Family



Reds, blues dominate Emmy Awards red carpet

NEW YORK (AP)—Lena Dunham showed up for the Emmys in an awkward pink confection and Kerry Washington went for a bright orange dress with dark sparkle peeking out from underneath, but it was the reds and blues that dominated the carpet Monday.

And neutrals, too.

On Team Red were best actress in a comedy winner Julia Louis-Dreyfus, who looked a bit pinched in a tight Carolina Herrera, and Christina Hendricks in a gaudy, one-shoulder Marchesa with yards and yards of draping fabric, loud floral

embroidery at the waist and a plunging neckline.

Julia Roberts, at 46, had fashion observers near speechless as she showed off her legs in a bubbly beaded mini in deep blue. Keke Palmer, of “The Trip to Bountiful,” wowed in a blue cobalt trumpet-shaped gown from Rubin Singer. Layers of fabric skimmed the gown, and a structured strapless bodice was cut in a deep V.

Baby bumps represented. Hayden Panettiere (who announced it’s a girl) lovingly stroked her belly in a metal-

lic fitted gown. Amanda Peet, pregnant with her third child, was in an unfortunate, empire-waisted floral.

Washington bucked the color trend in fitted orange Prada with a high slit and beaded front pleats.

“I saw it hanging there and I knew it was a contender,” she told The Associated Press. “I threw it on during a lunch break when I was shooting ‘Scandal’ and fell in love.”

Sofia Vergara, always a red carpet stunner, went for a more classic look in a fitted white Ro-

berto Cavalli gown with a space agey bodice that showed less of her cleavage than usual.

Allison Janney, who won best supporting actress in a comedy for her “Mom” role, looked anything but: Her velvet magenta gown seriously hugged her in all the right places.

“I love this dress because it makes me look like I have the tiniest waist. I put this on and everyone was like, ‘Done!’”

Taylor Schilling and her “Orange is the New Black” crew walked early—Schilling dressed in a lighter-than-air,

pale halter gown with subtle sparkle and fellow cast member Uzo Aduba in strapless red.

“I enjoy a nice non-color,” Schilling joked on E! “It just felt sort of timeless.”

Aduba, who is Nigerian-American, has been having big fun in fashion since the Netflix show has grown popular. Earlier this month, she won a Creative Arts Emmy for her role as Crazy Eyes.

“I wanted something beautiful,” she told the AP of her custom Christian Siriano.

Laverne Cox, another of the show’s co-stars, chatted on the

carpet in a caped, white gown by one her favorite designers, Marc Bouwer. Fred Leighton diamonds were sewn into the dress that sported a chest-baring neckline.

Robin Wright decided against a dress altogether. She wore a Ralph Lauren Collection custom silk jumpsuit in cream with a tuxedo-style front and wide open back to her waist.

Kit Harington of “Game of Thrones” represented early for the men, wearing a serious scowl like his character and sporting a top-knot.

SHOW BITS

A kiss that kept on going

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Show Bits brings you the 66th annual Primetime Emmy Awards in Los Angeles through the eyes of Associated Press journalists.

CRANSTON, LOUIS-DREYFUS KISS, MAKE UP

On her way to the Emmy Awards stage, winner Julia Louis-Dreyfus got waylaid by a pair of lips belonging to Bryan Cranston.

They shared a prolonged kiss as the audience applauded Louis-Dreyfus’ win as lead actress in a comedy series. She had to be led away from the “Breaking Bad” star by show host Seth Meyers.

“He went for it and I appreciate it,” a grinning Louis-Dreyfus said backstage.

She and Cranston had presented an award earlier in the evening, when she pretended she didn’t remember his appearance on “Seinfeld,” during which their characters dated and kissed.

Their Emmy smooch was part of that running gag, and Louis-Dreyfus explained that their respective spouses were OK with it.

“It’s not a question of why, but more a question of why not?” a cagey Cranston said backstage after winning for lead actor in a drama series.

Informed that their moment of passion was likely to go viral, he joked, “You’re saying that she has a virus that I wasn’t aware of?”

ROTATING SOFIA: WHAT DID YOU THINK?

During the moment viewers usually make a dash for the refrigerator, the Emmy Awards tried to keep them in front of their screens.

As TV academy president Maury McIntyre was touting the organization’s community works and educational efforts, he led Sofia Vergara to a platform and turned on a switch that had the “Modern Family” actress rotating as he spoke.

A smiling Vergara vamped and preened in her white gown as McIntyre rattled on.

The blowback on social media was immediate, with several comments suggesting Ver-

gara was being objectified and the bit was sexist.

The actress disputed that backstage.

“It’s absolutely the opposite,” she said. “It means that somebody can be hot and also be funny and make fun of herself and work and enjoy and make money.”

Vergara also said she knows who started the negative comments.

“I know who she was, has no sense of humor and should lighten up a little bit,” she said.

QUICKQUOTE: AARON PAUL

“I am so hungry.”—Aaron Paul after “Breaking Bad” wins the night’s final Emmy award and he can finally go eat.

SEALED WITH A SMILEY FACE

Every Emmy winner has to sign for their statuette, but only two winners added happy faces beside their names: Stephen Colbert and Aaron Paul.

THE EMMY FOR BEST SELFIE GOES TO ...

Julie Bowen and Sarah Hyland wanted more than just another comedy series trophy for “Modern Family.”

The actresses who play mother and daughter on the ABC comedy stopped to take a selfie on the Emmy stage after the show’s win.

While they were busy saying cheese the rest of the cast and crew headed backstage to celebrate.

QUICKQUOTE: DANNY ZUKER

“It’s an honor just to win. It really is.”—Producer Danny Zucker of winning comedy series “Modern Family.”

REMEMBERING ROBIN

Cradling her Emmy Award backstage, Kathy Bates recalled a night years ago when she won an award and wanted to call her mother with the news.

It was before cellphones and she needed a quarter for the backstage pay phone.

Robin Williams dug out a coin and urged her to make the call.

“I never forgot that kindness,” she said Monday after winning supporting actress in a miniseries or movie for “American Horror Story: Coven.”

Bates also recalled the night Williams, who died earlier this month, was there when she lost.

It was 1999 and Bates, nominated for an Oscar for best supporting actress, lost to Judi Dench. Williams handed out the award that year.

“He said, ‘I really wish I could’ve had your name in the envelope. Are you OK? I know how hard it is to lose,’” she said. “This is a special night for that reason.”

QUICKQUOTE: JULIANNA MARGULIES

“Oh yes, this is much heavier than the other one.”—Julianne Margulies, comparing the real Emmy she got backstage to the prop she was handed on camera when she accepted her award for best actress in a drama series.

QUICKQUOTE: STEPHEN COLBERT

“I think I may just change my name to the Col-borg. ‘I am the Col-borg. Resistance is futile.’” —Comedian Stephen Colbert, whose show won for best variety series, commenting on singer Gwen Stefani mangling his name when announcing his win.

SARAH SILVERMAN’S WINNER’S REMORSE

Right when she got to the trophy table to collect her Emmy, Sarah Silverman realized she had forgotten to thank some very important people.

“Oh! I didn’t thank my parents!” she said, a wave of guilt spreading across her face.

Told she could mention them on the backstage “Thank You Cam,” Silverman said she’d already breezed past it.

“The ‘Thank You Cam’ was right away and I was like, ‘I thanked everyone.’”

She says she’ll make up for the faux pas by giving her folks the Emmy.



Bryan Cranston kisses Julia Louis-Dreyfus, center front, as she accepts the award for outstanding lead actress in a comedy series for her work on “Veep” at the 66th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards at the Nokia Theatre L.A. Live on Monday, Aug. 25, 2014, in Los Angeles.

“It’s just going to go in my very embarrassed dad’s living room,” she said.

KEEPING IT IN THE FAMILY

Just as Jessica Lange came backstage to claim her Emmy for lead actress in a miniseries for “American Horror Story: Coven,” series creator Ryan Murphy took the Nokia Theatre stage to accept an award for his television movie, “The Normal Heart.”

“‘The Normal Heart’ just won? Oh great!” Lange said, standing at an off-camera table where winners claim their trophies.

“Can I just watch Ryan a minute?” she asked, clutching her new Emmy as she watched Murphy make his acceptance speech.

Lange was pretty pleased about her own win as well.

“I can’t tell you how lovely and surprising it is to be here again,” said Lange who has previously won Oscars and Emmys.

MAYBE THE EMMY SHOULD HAVE GONE TO...

Which performance had Emmy attendees on their feet?

That’d be the pawn shop spoof starring Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Bryan Cranston and Aaron Paul that was filmed to build buzz for the Emmy Awards.

The commercial for this year’s ceremony, in which

Louis-Dreyfus looks into selling her “Seinfeld” Emmy, was among the clips shown inside the Nokia Theatre during a commercial break.

When it began playing, several audience members stopped in the aisles or stood up to watch.

By the time it was over it had gotten far more laughs than “Weird Al” Yankovic’s actual Emmy performance.

THE RED CARPET SISTER ACT

Sisters were where it’s at on the Emmy red carpet.

Jesse Tyler Ferguson came to the awards show with his sister, who stood dutifully in the background as he chatted up reporters.

“She’s so shy,” he said.

Julianne Hough and her brother Derek finished each other’s sentences.

“I’m just here to protect the jewelry,” Derek joked, though he noted the siblings are like best friends.

“We’re just buds,” added his sister.

Coming off their summer dance tour, the Houghs will be reunited on “Dancing With the Stars” this fall. She’ll be judging and he’ll be dancing.

CUTTING IT CLOSE

Twenty minutes before show

time, an announcer tells Emmys attendees the lobby bar is closing and they better take their seats.

It’ll be a few more minutes, however, before Kevin Spacey, Jimmy Fallon and Sofia Vergara head for the entrance.

Fallon for one just can’t seem to say no to last-minute autograph seekers.

Vergara is finally beginning to move briskly, but Matthew McConaughey is still taking his time.

Doing a slow saunter down the carpet, McConaughey pauses to compliment his wife’s dress.

QUICKQUOTE: LEA DeLARIA

“If I see that on eBay, I’ll find you.”—Lea DeLaria of “Orange Is the New Black” joking to a fan who just collected an autograph from co-star Matt McGorry.

NO BAR NEEDED FOR THIS MAN

Kevin Rahm showed he knows how to keep properly hydrated—and in an upbeat mood—at a summer awards show.

In one hand the “Mad Men” actor clutched a bottle of water as he arrived on the red carpet. But when fans cheered him, he reached into his pocket and pulled out a tiny bottle of liquor.

With that, the cheers turned to laughter.

‘ORANGE’ IS THE NEW FAN FAVORITE

The stars of Netflix’s “Orange Is the New Black” were the early fan favorites on the red carpet after series stars stopped to chat with fans and sign autographs.

Laverne Cox dazzled in a long white gown, while Natasha Lyonne smiled and joked, spinning her hand around her head in a sign that the whole experience was crazy.

Selenis Leyva kept up with the show’s motif, posing with a pair of handcuffs for a fashion camera.

The bleachers aren’t on the main carpet this year, so stars have to make a detour if they want to greet fans. Those who did were showered with applause and well wishes.

Billy Crystal remembers Robin Williams at Emmys

By JAKE COYLE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Billy Crystal, left speechless by Robin Williams' death, paid tribute to his great friend and comedy brother at the Emmy Awards, movingly remembering him as "the greatest friend you could ever imagine."

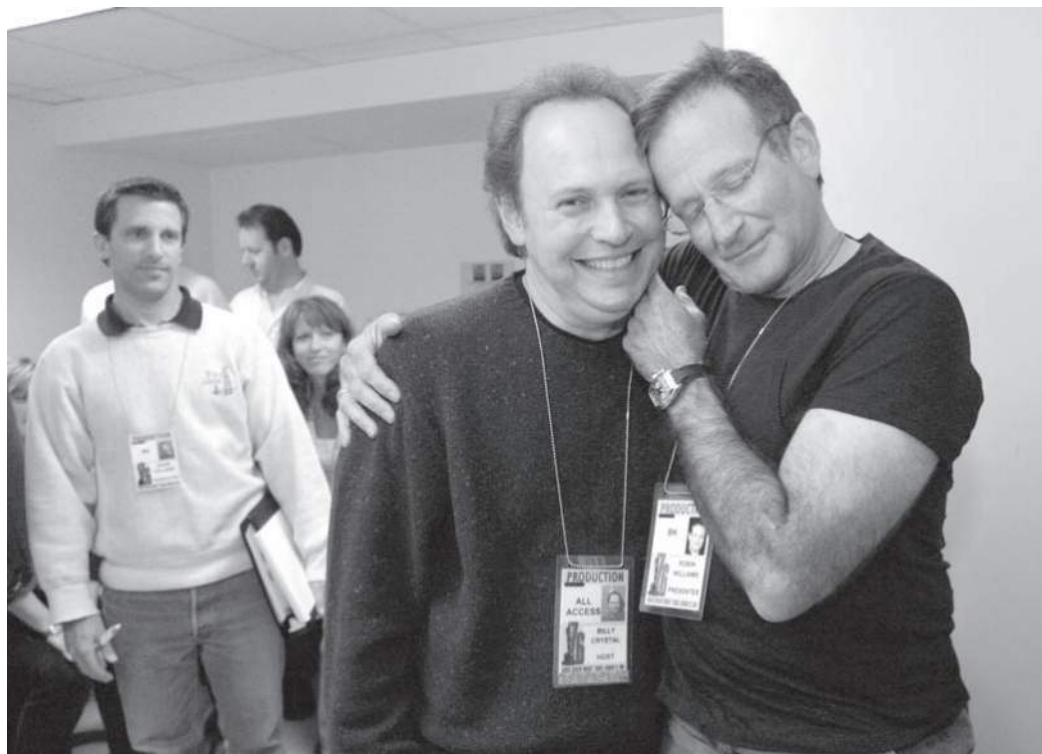
Following the Emmy's in memoriam segment Monday night, Crystal appeared on stage at Los Angeles' Nokia Theatre to honor Williams, who was found dead in his Northern California home on Aug. 11. A luminous image of the late comedian hovered overhead.

"He made us laugh, big time," said Crystal.

After Williams' apparent suicide, Crystal simply wrote on Twitter of his longtime friend and Comic Relief co-host: "No words."

But Crystal found moving words to remember Williams on Monday, recalling family gatherings, ballgames and nights on stage together.

"I used to think if I could put a saddle on him and stay on him



In this Feb. 28, 2004 file photo, Oscar host Billy Crystal, center, and presenter Robin Williams, right, joke around after a writers' meeting for the 76th annual Academy Awards in Los Angeles.

for eight seconds, I was gonna do OK," said Crystal.

"It's very hard to talk about him in the past because he was so present in all of our lives,"

Crystal continued. "He was the brightest star in the comedy galaxy."

Crystal concluded by reflecting on the eternal glow Wil-

liams would continue to give off, long after he was gone.

"And you'll think to yourself: Robin Williams, what a concept."

Greek archaeologists enter large underground tomb



ATHENS, Greece (AP)—Archaeologists excavating an ancient tomb under a massive burial mound in northern Greece have entered the underground structure, which appears to have been looted in antiquity.

The Culture Ministry said Monday that archaeologists have partially investigated the antechamber of the tomb

In this handout photo released by the Greek Culture Ministry on Monday, Aug. 25, 2014, two battered marble sphinxes are seen under a barrel-vault topping the entrance to a late 4th Century B.C. tomb under excavation at Amphipolis in northern Greece.

at Amphipolis and uncovered a marble wall concealing one or more inner chambers. However, a hole in the decorated wall and signs of forced entry outside the huge barrel-vaulted structure indicate the tomb was plundered long ago. The excavation will continue for weeks.

The tomb dates between 325 B.C.—two years after the death of ancient Greek warrior-king Alexander the Great—and 300 B.C. Its discovery and a visit there by Greece's prime minister have sparked extensive speculation on its contents.

Alexander was buried in Egypt.

Rapper arrested for firearms

MOUNTAIN VIEW, California (AP)—Platinum-selling rapper Young Jeezy was arrested on suspicion of possessing illegal firearms during an investigation into a fatal shooting at a rap concert in Silicon Valley, authorities said.

Mountain View police spokesman Sgt. Saul Jaeger said Monday that the Atlanta rapper, whose real name is Jay Wayne Jenkins, was taken into custody Sunday by detectives along with five other people while executing a search warrant at the Verizon Amphitheatre in Irvine.

The arrests come after 38-year-old Eric Johnson was shot and killed while backstage at the "Under the Influence of Music" concert Jeezy co-headlined with fellow rapper Wiz Khalifa at Shoreline Amphitheatre in Mountain View on Friday.

Jaeger says none of the arrested has been identified as suspects in the fatal shooting.

Jeezy was being held on \$1 million bail and could make his first appearance in court as soon as Tuesday, Orange County Sheriff's Lt. Jeff Hallock said.

A rare copy of Superman comic book fetches \$3.2M

NEW YORK (AP)—A rare, nearly flawless copy of Superman's comic-book debut has sold for a super-powered price: \$3.2 million.

New York comics dealers Stephen Fishler and Vincent Zurzolo said Monday they submitted Sunday's record-setting bid in the eBay auction for Action Comics No. 1, the 1938 book in which the superhero first appeared. It's believed to be the highest price ever paid for a comic book, surpassing \$2.1 million for a similarly high-quality copy of the same book in 2011.

"It's hard to believe that a kid's 10-cent comic could be worth that much money, but it is Superman. That's an iconic thing," Fishler said. "It's the first time anybody saw what a superhero was like."

eBay confirmed the price but said it couldn't yet disclose the buyer's name.

Created by Cleveland teenagers Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster, Action Comics No. 1 introduces the Man of Steel's Kryptonian backstory, earthly role as reporter Clark Kent and identity as a champion of the oppressed. It's seen as the dawn of the comic book super-

hero, paving the way for a roster of now-famous characters.

About 100 to 150 copies are believed to exist, only a handful of them in top condition. The book just sold got a seldom-seen 9.0 on a 10-point scale used to measure vintage comic books' condition.

It was kept for decades in a cedar chest in the West Virginia mountains by a man who had bought it off a newsstand, seller Darren Adams recently told *The Washington Post*. Adams, a Federal Way, Washington-based collectibles dealer, didn't immediately return a call Monday from The Associated Press.

After the original owner died, a collector bought it from his estate and built a similar cedar chest to store it, Adams told the *Post*.

Fishler and Zurzolo own ComicConnect.com, which auctioned the 2011 record-setter and a slightly less well-preserved Action Comics No. 1 for more than \$1 million in 2010. The rising prices have been fueled by superhero movies and growing interest in comic books as investments—"an alternative place to put money that has a cool factor to it," Fishler said.

Couple weighs reconciliation five years after violent split

DEAR ABBY: Five years ago, my husband got drunk and physically attacked me in front of his family. It was horrible. I was in shock, and our relationship never recovered.

The next four years were a series of court visits for custody of our child and eventually a divorce. Last year, his mother began requesting visits with our son. I was happy about it because I have tried to be accommodating to my ex and his family regarding our son.

Finally, late last year, I called my ex to ask if we could sit down and discuss our son (something we had never done). We have met twice during the last two weeks, and each time had long conversations about everything. (Our son, our past, our relationship.) Many misconceptions were cleared up, and it's obvious that we both have made many necessary changes within ourselves.

Now I'm confused about what comes next. Speaking with him has brought back so many feelings. Prior to the attack, our stress levels had been high and our communication was terrible, but there had been no physical violence. I'm not sure if this is the universe giving us an opportunity to give the family we started another chance. Should we start over?

WAVERING IN NEW YORK

DEAR WAVERING: What comes next might be that you and your ex can become good friends and parent your son in

a congenial, cooperative fashion. What comes next might be that you rekindle your romance. Or it might be that you get back together and he assaults you again.

If your ex has sought help for his drinking and anger management issues, a reconciliation could work out beautifully. However, if he hasn't, I certainly wouldn't recommend it. Sometimes people can care deeply about each other, but shouldn't be married.

DEAR ABBY: My 95-year-old mom feels that her age "entitles" her to speak without a filter, and she has become totally intolerant and critical. She is mentally sharp and highly intelligent, which makes her nasty comments even more hurtful to family and friends.

Standing up to her isn't an option because of her age and she knows it. She doesn't seem to recognize how damaging her attitude has become to those who love her. If you could print this and offer some advice, she might recognize herself.

A LOVING SON

DEAR LOVING SON: The fact that someone has celebrated 95 birthdays does not give the person license to be deliberately unkind to others. Negativity is an unattractive trait, regardless of how old you are. People who deliberately say hurtful things invariably find the circle of those who want to

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Orioles hit 5 HRs in 9-1 win over Rays



BALTI-MORE
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Young, J.J. Hardy and Chris Davis homered in succession during a six-run fifth inning, and the Baltimore Orioles cruised past the Tampa Bay Rays 9-1 Monday night to end a three-game losing streak.

Baltimore hit five homers in all, four off rookie Jake Odorizzi (9-11). Nick Markakis and Steve Pearce delivered back-to-back shots in the third to spark the Orioles to their ninth win in 13 games against Tampa Bay this season.

After totaling four runs and 13 hits in three road losses to the Chicago Cubs, the Orioles got 14 hits against a Tampa Bay staff that had a major league-best 2.28 ERA since the All-Star break.

Chris Tillman (11-5) yielded an unearned run and three hits in seven innings. He is 4-0 in eight starts since July 18.

Baltimore led 3-1 before pulling away in the fifth. Three straight singles produced a run before Young hit a three-run drive to left. Hardy chased Odorizzi with a shot to center, and Davis greeted Kirby Yates with his 22nd home run.

It was the first time since May 2012 that the Orioles homered in three successive at-bats.

Odorizzi yielded eight runs and 11 hits, both career highs, as were the four home runs.

Baltimore added a fielding gem in the sixth when center fielder Adam Jones made a leaping catch at the wall to rob Evan Longoria of a homer. Jones then threw out Matt Joyce, who tagged up from first base.

After the Rays scored in the third, Baltimore went up 3-1 in the bottom half. Markakis snapped an 0-for-21 skid with a two-run drive and Pearce followed with his 15th homer, the fourth in his last eight games.

Yankees 6, Royals 1

In Kansas City, Mo., Derek Jeter drove in two runs in his final scheduled trip to Kauffman Stadium, backing a sharp outing from Michael Pineda and helping the Yankees beat the Royals for their fifth straight win.

Jacoby Ellsbury drove in a run in the seventh inning with

the 1,000th hit of his career, then added a two-run homer in the ninth. Stephen Drew and Martin Prado also homered for New York.

Pineda (3-2) gave up a solo shot to Mike Moustakas leading off the third inning, but that was about it in his third game back from the disabled list. Pineda struck out five without a walk in 6 1-3 innings to win for the first time since beating the Cubs on April 16.

James Shields (12-7) allowed six runs over 6 2-3 innings for Kansas City.

Cardinals 3, Pirates 2

In Pittsburgh, Matt Holliday's two-run single in the seventh inning off Jared Hughes capped a late rally, and the Cardinals beat the Pirates.

Jon Jay's pinch-hit single tied the game with two outs in the seventh and Holliday followed with a sharp single to left off Hughes (6-4) to score Jay and Matt Carpenter.

John Lackey (13-8) worked out of trouble early to work seven innings and pick up his second victory with the Cardinals after arriving in a trade from Boston on July 31. Trevor Rosenthal gave up a leadoff home run in the ninth to Andrew McCutchen but held on to earn his 39th save.

Pedro Alvarez hit his 18th homer in the second off Lackey, but the Pirates managed little after that to fall further behind St. Louis and first-place Milwaukee in the NL Central race.

Marlins 7, Angels 1

In Anaheim, Calif., Giancarlo Stanton upstaged Mike Trout with a three-run homer in the first regular-season showdown between two of baseball's brightest young stars, leading Miami to a comfortable victory over Los Angeles.

Jarred Cosart (2-1) allowed a run and seven hits over 7 2-3 innings. He struck out four in his fourth outing since he was acquired from Houston at the July 31 trade deadline. The right-hander, who was 9-7 with the Astros, lost his shutout bid in the eighth on an RBI double by Kole Calhoun.

Wade LeBlanc (0-1) was charged with six runs and seven



Baltimore Orioles shortstop J.J. Hardy, left, throws to first after getting Seattle Mariners' Kendrys Morales out at second, to complete the double play on a ground ball hit by Kyle Seager in the seventh inning of a baseball game Sunday, Aug. 3, 2014, in Baltimore.

hits in 3 1-3 innings as a replacement for Garrett Richards, out for the season because of a knee injury that occurred last week in Boston. It was LeBlanc's first big league start since May 6, 2013, for the Marlins.

The Angels slipped back into a tie for the AL West lead with Oakland.

Athletics 8, Astros 2

In Houston, Jeff Samardzija pitched eight solid innings and Josh Donaldson drove in three runs to lead Oakland over Houston.

Samardzija (4-3) allowed six hits, two runs and tied a season high with 10 strikeouts to bounce back from a two-game skid in which he yielded 11 runs combined. The right-hander was 2-7 with the Chicago Cubs before an early July trade.

Josh Reddick hit a two-run homer and Donaldson had three hits after sitting out Sunday with a knee injury. Donaldson doubled twice for his first extra-base hits and RBIs in his last nine games.

Chris Carter hit a two-run homer in the eighth to pull the Astros within one, but the A's added five runs in the ninth after reliever Tony Sipp walked all four batters he faced.

Scott Feldman (7-10) allowed

seven hits and three runs in seven innings.

Phillies 3, Nationals 2

In Philadelphia, A.J. Burnett struck out 12 in seven innings and Cody Asche and Carlos Ruiz homered to lead the Phillies to a victory over the Nationals.

Domonic Brown had two hits and an RBI for Philadelphia, which won for the fourth time in five games.

Wilson Ramos and Anthony Rendon homered for NL East-leading Washington, which lost for just the second time in 14 games. Burnett (7-14) won for the first time since the All-Star break, allowing one run on three hits with just one walk. The right-hander entered leading the majors in walks with 76.

Tanner Roark (12-8) gave up two runs on five hits in six innings and lost for just the second time in his last nine starts. Roark has a 2.25 ERA over that stretch.

Red Sox 4, Blue Jays 3, 10 innings

In Toronto, Yoenis Cespedes singled home the go-ahead run in the 10th inning and the Red Sox survived a ninth-inning collapse to beat the Blue

Jays 4-3, snapping their losing streak at eight games.

Cespedes has 19 RBIs in 22 games since being traded to Boston on July 31. Seven of those 19 RBIs have given the Red Sox a lead.

Brock Holt hit a one-out single off Aaron Sanchez (2-1) in the 10th and stole second as Dustin Pedroia struck out, with the steal confirmed by video review. Holt stole third before Cespedes drove him in with a single up the middle.

Boston won for the first time since August 16 against Houston and snapped a six-game skid against the stumbling Blue Jays, who dropped to 6-15 in August.

Koji Uehara (6-4) got the win despite blowing his fourth save in 30 chances, and Craig Breslow finished for his first save in two chances.

Rockies 3, Giants 2

In San Francisco, Tyler Matzek struck out seven in seven innings to end a five-start losing streak, and Colorado capitalized on San Francisco's mistakes.

The Rockies have won four straight in San Francisco for the first time in club history.

In his 14th major league start and first against the Giants,

Matzek (3-9) won for the first time since beating Pittsburgh on July 26. The rookie left-hander also won for the first time in eight road appearances and seven starts after beginning 0-5.

Matzek outduelled Jake Peavy (2-4), who won his previous two starts following three straight losses after he was acquired in a trade with Boston on July 26.

Justin Morneau and Corey Dickerson hit sacrifice flies for the Rockies, who earned their fourth road win in 27 games since sweeping a three-game series at AT&T Park from June 13-15.

San Francisco manager Bruce Bochy was ejected in the eighth by plate umpire Doug Eddings for arguing a called third strike on Buster Posey.

LaTroy Hawkins finished for his 21st save in 22 opportunities.

Brewers 10, Padres 1

In San Diego, Ryan Braun and Aramis Ramirez homered to back Kyle Lohse's six effective innings as Milwaukee routed San Diego for its fifth straight road win.

Lohse (12-7) allowed a run and four hits in his first start since spraining his right ankle on Aug. 13. He beat the Padres for the fourth straight time.

Eric Stults (6-14) was charged with four runs and nine hits in five innings, snapping his three-game winning streak.

Ramirez and Gerardo Parra had three RBIs apiece. Braun, Ramirez and Carlos Gomez each had three hits to help the first-place Brewers remain 1 1/2 games ahead of St. Louis in the NL Central.

Rangers 2, Mariners 0

In Seattle, Miles Mikolas allowed three hits in eight innings, J.P. Arencibia singled home the go-ahead run in the fourth and Texas blanked Seattle in the opener of a three-game set.

Mikolas (2-5) faced two batters more than the minimum, erasing two of the three hits he allowed with double plays. The right-hander struck out five and walked one. It was the first time Mikolas did not permit a run in 10 career starts.

Neftali Feliz worked a one-hit ninth for his seventh save.

Mariners starter Roenis Elias (9-11) walked four but limited the Rangers to one run in five innings.



GRAN CANARIA, Spain—Kyrie Irving will start opposite

Goran Dragic at point guard Tuesday night when Team USA plays Slovenia in its final tuneup game leading into the FIBA World Cup.

But Team USA coach Mike Krzyzewski, in tabbing Irving as his starter against the Dragic-led Slovenians, told ESPN.com that one option under consideration is letting Irving and Derrick Rose trade off as the starter throughout the tournament, which opens

Kyrie Irving to start at point guard

Saturday in Bilbao with the Yanks facing Finland."We'll see as thing goes on," Krzyzewski said after Monday's two-hour practice. "We might alternate 'em. Both of them are going to play significant minutes."

Krzyzewski says he can also envision Irving and Rose playing together once the tournament starts as Rose continues to acclimate himself to full-speed basketball after two major knee injuries limited him to just 10

games over the past two seasons with the Chicago Bulls.

"I asked him today, and he said, 'I feel great,'" Krzyzewski said of Rose. "He did everything. He's full go. I think there's a part of him that's like: 'Quit asking me how I feel. I'm good.' So I'm not going to ask him anymore."

Team USA arrived in Las Palmas early Sunday morning and held a two-hour practice Monday after voluntary workouts on their first afternoon in

Spain. Going forward, Krzyzewski said, all practices will be noncontact amid a schedule that calls for five group games in a span of six days. The focus from here, when Team USA can get on the practice floor, will be on offensive and defensive execution and working on new wrinkles like starting center Anthony Davis' cameos at power forward.

In electing to keep Brooklyn's Mason Plumlee and De-

troit's Andre Drummond as two of the last three players on the official 12-man World Cup roster, Krzyzewski has the ability to give Davis spot minutes at his preferred NBA position next to a more traditional big man in DeMarcus Cousins.

Having relied heavily on small-ball lineups in its last two major competitions, USA Basketball officials wanted the ability to play big lineups in this tournament when needed. The

tag team of Davis and Cousins won't necessarily be unveiled against a Slovenian squad that shoots 3-pointers as liberally as anyone in the field, but Team USA is sure to bust out that alignment on occasion en route to the Sept. 14 championship game, where host Spain and its hulking front-line trio of Marc Gasol, Pau Gasol and Serge Ibaka could be waiting.

"It's not like we're making this wholesale change, because [Kenneth] Faried and [Rudy] Gay are playing well at the 4," Krzyzewski said. "It's a secondary look." (ESPN)

Murray grits through cramps to win at US Open



NEW YORK (AP)—Spinning in 70 mph second serves, grabbing at his hamstring during points, Andy Murray gritted his way through head-to-toe cramps to win at the U.S. Open.

Murray outlasted Robin Haase 6-3, 7-6 (6), 1-6, 7-5 in the first round Monday during an afternoon that was hot but not particularly humid. He was mystified that the cramps came on so early—at the start of the third set after only about an hour and a half on court.

“When it starts to kind of go everywhere, you don’t know exactly where it’s going to creep up next,” he said. “When you stretch one muscle, something else then cramps, too.”

It started in the back of his left shoulder, and then quickly spread to his forearm. The right-handed Murray couldn’t toss the ball high enough to get any pace on his serves.

Between points, he’d twist his body to awkwardly stretch his left side. After hitting a winner, he’d reach for his quad.

Murray was twice down a break in the fourth set, but the 70th-ranked Haase unraveled with a string of unforced errors. He wasted three break points in the final game, when a missed call also cost him.

The eighth-seeded Murray had felt confident in his conditioning after productive training sessions in Miami, where he weathered far more heat and humidity than this. He wondered if something was amiss in his nutrition.

“Cramping in my left forearm?” a bewildered Murray said. “I mean, I didn’t use my left forearm a whole lot today.”

Haase, also bothered by some cramping, said he didn’t eat and drink enough

beforehand because of an earlier-than-expected start - the first match on Louis Armstrong Stadium lasted just 47 minutes. But Murray said dehydration didn’t seem to be his problem.

Serving for the fourth set at 5-3, Haase double-faulted on break point to allow Murray to get back on serve. Murray then went up 6-5 when he took Haase’s second serve high and whacked a forehand winner.

With Murray trying to serve out the match, Haase smacked a deep return on his second break point that might have set him up to win the game. But the ball was called out, and after it was overturned on review, they had to replay the point. This time, Haase hit a volley into the net.

Murray is notorious for suddenly clutching at an ailment after a poorly played point. On this day, though, the misery was clearly real. The two-time major champion went after winners to shorten points, tried to stay upright to keep the strain off his legs. It was just enough to eke out the victory.

“I don’t think if it would have gone to five sets I would’ve been the favorite,” Murray said.

Three years ago, he and Haase did go five in New York, with Murray rallying from a two-set deficit to win in the second round.

After Monday’s loss, Haase planned to complain to the ATP that he was denied treatment during the match for a sore foot. But the Dutchman insisted he wasn’t distracted by Murray’s shows of discomfort.

“I was more busy with myself, and I was struggling myself,” Haase said. “I tried to play my game. It didn’t bother me what he did.”

No such struggles for top-seeded Novak Djokovic, who breezed past U.S. Open novice Diego Schwartz-



AP
Andy Murray, of the United Kingdom, stretches his left leg during the opening round of the 2014 U.S. Open tennis tournament against Robin Haase, of the Netherlands, Monday, Aug. 25, 2014, in New York.

man 6-1, 6-2, 6-4. Djokovic wrapped up the final match on opening day at the year’s last Grand Slam event as the hour grew late, with fans calling out to him from the far-away seats at Arthur Ashe Stadium.

“I hope it was a midnight delight for

all you guys,” he told them in an on-court interview.

Fifth-seeded Maria Sharapova, who missed last year’s tournament because of an injured right shoulder, made a successful return by winning the final 10 games to beat Maria Kirilenko 6-4,

6-0 in a matchup of 27-year-old Russians and longtime friends. Actor Alec Baldwin got into the action, too, catching an out-of-bounds shot that sailed over Sharapova and bounced into the seats.

Also, 10th-seeded Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark advanced 6-1, 3-6, 2-0 when Magdalena Rybarikova of Slovakia had to stop because of an injured left hip.

Ninth-seeded Jo-Wilfried Tsonga also needed four sets to beat Juan Monaco 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 (2), 6-1. Nick Kyrgios—the Australian teen who stunned Rafael Nadal at Wimbledon—came back from three code violations, just one outburst away from default, in a 7-5, 7-6 (4), 2-6, 7-6 (1) upset of 21st-seeded Mikhail Youzhny.

Julien Benneteau, seeded 24th, was upset in five sets by fellow Frenchman Benoit Paire.

Third-seeded Stan Wawrinka and fifth-seeded Milos Raonic both advanced in straight sets.

Top-seeded Novak Djokovic played later under the lights at Arthur Ashe Stadium in the first night session of the year’s last Grand Slam tournament.

Earlier, Venus Williams, 34, beat 43-year-old Kimiko Date-Krumm 2-6, 6-3, 6-3. The combined age of 77 was believed to be the oldest for a women’s Grand Slam pairing, the WTA said.

Along with the 19th-seeded Williams, 21st-seeded American Sloane Stephens also advanced by routing Anika Beck.

Second-seeded Simona Halep rallied from a set down for a 6-7 (2), 6-1, 6-2 victory over 20-year-old Danielle Rose Collins, who was playing her first main draw match at a tour-level event. As a sophomore at Virginia, an unseeded Collins won the NCAA title to earn a wild card into the U.S. Open.

Tiger Woods splits with swing coach Sean Foley



PARA-MUS, N.J. (AP)—Tiger Woods is leaving swing coach

Sean Foley after four years and no majors.

Woods said on his website Monday he will no longer work with Foley, the Canadian whom he hired when his game was at its low point following the upheaval with his marriage. The announcement came one day after another Foley pupil, Hunter Mahan, won The Barclays.

“I’d like to thank Sean for his help as my coach and for his friendship,” Woods said. “Sean is one of the outstanding coaches in golf today, and I know he will continue to be successful with the players working with him.”

Woods has been coping with back problems for more than a year. He had surgery March 31 to alleviate a pinched nerve, forcing him to miss two majors during his three months of recovery. He missed two cuts, with-



AP
In this July 16, 2014, file photo, Tiger Woods is watched by coach Sean Foley on the practice green ahead of the British Open Golf championship at the Royal Liverpool golf club in, Hoylake, England.

drew from another tournament and had his worst 72-hole finish in a major after returning.

He is taking three months off in a bid to regain his full strength, and said this would be the right time to dismiss Foley. Woods is not scheduled to

play again until his World Challenge in Orlando, Florida, the first week in December.

He does not have a coach and said there was no timetable to hire one.

“My time spent with Tiger is one of the highlights of my career so far,

and I am appreciative of the many experiences we shared together,” Foley said in a statement posted on Woods’ website.

Foley was the third coach Woods hired as a professional.

Woods began working with Butch Harmon as a teenager, and they changed his swing twice. The biggest overhaul was after Woods won the Masters by 12 shots. Many believe the new swing produced Woods’ most dominant golf, though he also was in his early 20s and had not had serious issues with his knee. Woods won eight majors while with Harmon, including seven in 11 attempts and an unprecedented sweep of them in 2000-01. They parted in 2003.

Woods went to Hank Haney and produced another memorable stretch with an entirely different swing. In a two-year period covering 34 tournaments, Woods won 18 times (including four majors) and was runner-up six times. That ended with the 2008 U.S. Open at Torrey Pines, right before his fourth

and most invasive knee surgery.

That was his 14th major, and Woods has not won another since. He remains four short of the record held by Jack Nicklaus.

Haney announced in May he was leaving Woods, although those close to Woods felt a split was imminent. Woods went through most of 2010 without a coach until hooking up with Foley for the first time at the PGA Championship in 2010 at Whistling Straits.

Woods won three times on the PGA Tour in 2012, and then delivered a five-win season in 2013 when he returned to No. 1. But he rarely challenged in the majors, some of that because of injury.

He missed two majors in 2011 while letting leg injuries fully heal. Woods had a share of the 36-hole lead in the U.S. Open and PGA Championship in 2012, but he was not a factor on Sunday. He was two shots off the lead going into the final round of the 2013 British Open and fell back quickly.

He missed two more majors this year because of injury.

Foley, who first worked with Stephen Ames, has Mahan and former U.S. Open champion Justin Rose among his clients.

“It was a lifelong ambition of mine to teach the best player of all time in our sport,” Foley said. “I am both grateful for the things we had the opportunity to learn from one another, as well as the enduring friendship we have built. I have nothing but respect and admiration for him.”

Buccaneers bringing in Incognito for a visit



TAMPA, Fla. (A P) — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers are trying to determine if Richie Incognito is a good fit for their struggling offensive line.

Coach Lovie Smith confirmed Monday he was going to meet with one of the central figures of the bullying scandal that engulfed the Miami Dolphins last season, but also cautioned the “visit” might not necessarily end with the free agent guard resuming his career with the Bucs.

An NFL investigation determined Incognito and two other Dolphins offensive linemen engaged in persistent harassment of teammate Jonathan Martin, who left the team in the middle of last season. Incognito was suspended and missed the final eight games before becoming a free agent when his contract with Miami expired.

Smith said it would “jumping the gun” to assume the Bucs will sign Incognito but that he would enter the meeting late Monday with an open mind.

“If you know my history, I do believe in second chances. To me, nobody should have a death sentence. If you should, you’re probably in jail,” Smith said.

“From there, what does it hurt to talk to someone? For me, as we go forward, I’m not holier than thou. I’m going to give everybody the benefit of the doubt

until I have information that tells me otherwise,” the coach added. “That’s where we are right now. Part of that process is Richie coming in.”

The Buccaneers overhauled their offensive line after last season, beginning with the release of two-time Pro Bowl guard Davin Joseph in a cost-cutting move.

Plans for the restructured unit suffered a setback on the opening day of training camp when general manager Jason Licht announced the team was parting ways with another incumbent starter, guard Carl Nicks, who missed most of last season with a MRSA infection.

Smith bristled when he was repeatedly asked if bringing in Incognito for a visit, and possibly signing him, might upset the locker room.

“We look at all available guys, period. What does it hurt to look at someone who’s available,” the coach reiterated.

“Would I have a football player on our team that I thought would mess up our team chemistry? The answer is no. Simple as that,” Smith added. “But I can’t assume that’s the case. To me, you go through the process. You look and you talk face to face with everybody that’s available. That’s what we’re doing.”

Incognito has long been labeled one of the NFL’s dirtiest players with a reputation for out-of-bounds behavior off the field.

“I’ve heard what happened

down (in Miami). But for me, I think it doesn’t hurt anything to talk face to face with anybody that’s available,” Smith said, later adding: “I can’t go on hearsay. I need to see for myself.”

Several players, including quarterback Josh McCown and Pro Bowl defensive tackle Ger-

ald McCoy said Incognito would be welcomed to the team if Smith and general manager Jason Licht winds up signing Incognito, who has also played for the St. Louis Rams and Buffalo Bills during a nine-year career.

“I don’t know him personally. In these situations, you

trust Jason and Lovie and the guys as they try to help our football team,” McCown said. “No matter who it is, if someone is an addition to our team, Lovie always talks about embracing them and making them feel like one of us. So if that’s the case, we’ll do that with him.”

McCoy agreed.

“As long as he can help us win, then that’s all I’m concerned about,” McCoy said. “If there’s a problem, we’ll deal with it accordingly. As long as he’s doing what he’s supposed to do on the field, I’m not concerned about anything else.”



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In this Aug. 24, 2013, file photo, Miami Dolphins guard Richie Incognito (68) and tackle Jonathan Martin (71) looks over plays during the second half of an NFL pre-season football game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in Miami Gardens, Fla.

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the quarterfinals, 6-3, 6-0, while Lamorelle and Christman prevailed over the CNMI’s Malika Miyawaki and Ami Tsukagoshi, 6-0, 6-4. Kaga and Raulerson ended up in fourth place in the division after dropping the consolation game against Miler and Perelini, 4-6, 4-6.

Meanwhile, Robbie Schorr

gave the CNMI its second doubles championship in the second POJC competition, which put players (respective age groups) in one draw and has a single-elimination format. In the POJC Event 1, players were divided into pools and the top finishers in each group advanced to the playoffs.

Schorr, who finished fourth in the singles event and lost in the semis in the doubles in POJC

Event 1, this time made it all the way to the finals and won in the boys 14/14 age group. He teamed up with Guam’s Camden Camacho and also stunned their foes, the top-ranked Ben Pechan of Vanuatu and Samoa’s Phillip Warren, 6-1, 6-1. Schorr and Camacho were seeded second in the draw and marched into the finals after a 6-1, 6-4 win over Fiji’s Maui Leflon and Vanuatu’s Samuel

Strid. Pechan and Warren notched a finals berth after a 7-6 (1), 6-3 triumph over Kiribati’s Banien Ioera and Tahiti’s Vaitea Molinier, who ousted the CNMI’s Ken Song and Guam’s Andrew Leng in the quarterfinals, 6-2, 6-2.

In other results, Colin Ramsey made his second finals appearance in the doubles, teaming up anew with the Federated States of Micronesia’s Terry Rush.

Ramsey and Rush, who lost to American Samoa’s Kevin Maukoloa and Jummah Vigas in boys U16 doubles finals last week, notched two early wins to get a second crack at Maukoloa and his new partner Manoa Desvignes. The North Pacific pair first topped Tahiti’s Rehiti Chin Meun and Vigas, 6-2, 7-6 (4), and then survived Samoa’s Harley Cronin and American Samoa’s Larry Maglasan in the semis, 6-2, 5-7, 10-4, to enter the finals. Maukoloa and Desvignes also claimed two

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AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
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Baltimore	74	55	.574	—
New York	68	61	.527	6
Toronto	66	65	.504	9
Tampa Bay	64	67	.489	11
Boston	57	74	.435	18
Central Division				
Kansas City	72	58	.554	—
Detroit	70	59	.543	1½
Cleveland	66	63	.512	5½
Chicago	59	71	.454	13
Minnesota	58	72	.446	14
West Division				
Los Angeles	77	53	.592	—
Oakland	77	53	.592	—
Seattle	71	59	.546	6
Houston	55	77	.417	23
Texas	51	79	.392	26
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
Washington	75	55	.577	—
Atlanta	68	63	.519	7½
Miami	65	65	.500	10
New York	61	70	.466	14½
Philadelphia	59	72	.450	16½
Central Division				
Milwaukee	73	58	.557	—
St. Louis	71	59	.546	1½
Pittsburgh	67	64	.511	6
Cincinnati	63	68	.481	10
Chicago	58	72	.446	14½
West Division				
Los Angeles	74	58	.561	—
San Francisco	68	62	.523	5
San Diego	60	70	.462	13
Arizona	55	76	.420	18½
Colorado	53	77	.408	20

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matech’s backcourt pressure, the former had to take shots in a hurry to avoid incoming defenders.

Armotech continued to show no mercy in the last two minutes of the match despite having the win in the bag with its 20-plus point lead and went on to nail a 25-point winning margin, as Martin Moreno made a couple of easy baskets off Degreee’s errors.

Abuy top-scored for Armatech with his 24 points, while Montano and Moreno chipped in 22 and 19, respectively. Jinang and Alex Ocampo had 20 apiece for Degreee, but the latter was scoreless in the fourth, as he had limited touches with Armatech denying entry passes in the paint.

Meanwhile, in the first game, Mariana Resort ran a well-oiled offense to rout I Love Saipan.

The Boy Garcia-coached squad scored 20-plus points in all four quarters to advance to join Armatech and early qualifier Blue Haus in the semifinals. Mariana Resort tallied 22 points each in the first two periods for a 44-35 halftime lead and was never threatened in the second half, as it logged 21 and 26 in the third and fourth, respectively. I Love Saipan, in contrast, failed to hit the 20-point mark, having its best output (19) in the second.

Five Mariana Resort players finished in twin digits with Dennis Cortez leading the way with his 19 points, while Elias Rangamar paced I Love Saipan with his 16 markers.

Mariana Resort, Blue Haus, and Armatech now await the winner of tonight’s playoff game between Hawaiian Rock and PIC Chefs to start the semis round. In the semis, teams will draw lots to determine the pairings with the

No. 1 and 4 squads colliding in the first Final Four tiff and the No. 2 and 3 teams dueling in the other semis showdown.

First Game
Mariana Resort 91 – Cortez 19, De Guzman 16, Alipio 12, Cosino 11, Galulu 10, Garcia 6, de la Torre 4, Montes 3, Abuan 2.

I Love Saipan 67 – Rangamar 16, Babauta 14, Kobel 12, Demapan 10, Renguul 6, Saha-gun 5, Villasana 4.

Scoring by quarters: 22-16, 44-35, 65-53, 91-67.

Second Game
Armotech 97 – Abuy 24, Montano 22, Moreno 19, Bartolo 8, Park 8, Tobias 7, Poquiz 6, Pablo 3.

Degreee 72 – Jinang 20, Ocampo 20, Surima 11, Geli 10, Sampang 6, Catungal 4.

Scoring by quarters: 27-15, 48-43, 63-59, 97-72.

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fields for the upcoming baseball season in January. Both fields will be used by the Saipan Little League and the Saipan Baseball League, which is formerly known as the Saipan Major League,” said Rogolifo.

The Tan Ko field is also

used by SLL teams that compete in the Asia-Pacific Regional Championships and Korean Baseball League professional squad LG Twins for their spring training.

The field entered the CNMI sports history books when the Rogolifo-managed baseball team won gold in the 8th Micronesian Games when it beat Guam in the finals.

TBK slips past Blue Haus in overtime

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TBK Mechanics hit clutch free throws to out-class Blue Haus in overtime, 106-101, in the first game of the DL Corp Invitational Basketball League Season 4 last Monday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Nate Mateo canned two charities to send the game into overtime, while his twin brother Dan had a split and Lerio Pagarao drilled his last two free throws in the extension period to lift TBK to its third win in six games. Blue Haus dropped to a 2-4 slate.

Nate dropped the two free throws in the last 0.6 of a second of the regulation after drawing a foul on Roy Hernandez. The big play started after Blue Haus' Brendon Talania missed a jumper with the 24-second shot clock winding down and Nate rushed to their frontcourt and was eventually hounded by Blue Haus' Roy Hernandez and Edwin Camacho at the right corner outside the 3-point area. Trapped and time pressured, Nate went on a foul-fishing expedition and Hernandez took the bait and was called for a foul. The TBK guard calmly sank the bonus shots to send the game into extra five minutes, as Blue Haus ran out of time to pull up for a decent shot.

In overtime, Blue Haus was without a field goal and had only three free throws in the first three minutes, while Pagarao took over TBK's offense, scoring the team's first seven points. TBK was in control in the extra period, but Blue Haus refused to give up, threatening the former the last time, 101-103, with 23.4 seconds left on the clock. Blue Haus then gave up a preemptive foul to send Dan Mateo to the line and the TBK guard split his charities. He missed the second one, but Ivan Devero got the offensive board and passed the leather to Pagarao, who was eventually fouled and knocked in the two free throws to seal it for TBK, 13.5 seconds left in the game.

Pagarao top-scored for TBK with his 37 points, while Nate Mateo chipped in 29. Devero and Ed Pangelinan also tallied double figures with 13 and 11, respectively. Talania led all scorers with his 40 markers, while Jessie Santos added 20. J.R. Barrios contributed 12 for Blue Haus, but fouled out midway in the fourth, while Hernandez missed the entire overtime, leaving the closing seconds of the regulation with 8 points.

Meanwhile, free throw shooting also played an important role in the Destroyers' 94-90 victory over Saipan Ice & Water.

Elmer Esdreton scored the last 4 points of the Destroy-

ers and all of them came from the foul line. The Destroyers needed Esdreton's charities to foil Saipan Ice's comeback bid. The Destroyers once led by twin digits, 47-35, but Saipan Ice managed to cut the deficit to a deuce entering the fourth period, 65-67, behind the 14-point explosion of Derrick Rangamar in the third.

The game remained close in the fourth canto with Junar Guiab keeping the Destroyers afloat in the early goings of the final frame before Esdreton finished the job with his crucial charities.

MONDAY

TBK Mechanics 106 – Pagarao 37, N. Mateo 29, I. Devero 13, Pangelinan 11, Catalla 8, N. Mateo 5, Rio 2.

Blue Haus 101 – Talania 40, Santos 20, Barrios 12, E. Camacho 10, Moises 9, Hernandez 8, Olivos 2.

Scoring by quarters: 23-18, 37-46, 70-69, 92-92, 106-101 (OT).

SUNDAY

Destroyers 94 – Esdreton 17, Duenas 16, De Dios 15, Guiab 14, Guntar 9, Fernandez 7, Santos 6, Diaz 2.

Saipan Ice 90 – Rangamar 27, Lizama 18, N. Saralu 14, Pena 10, R. Saralu 8, Kaipat 8, Pharmin 4.

Scoring by quarters: 19-20, 47-35, 67-65, 94-90.



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TBK Mechanics' Nate Mateo drives against three Blue Haus defenders during the fourth quarter of their game in the DL Corp. caging last Monday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

2014 Docomo Golf Classic continues to reel in sponsors

Three more companies threw in their support to the 5th Docomo Pacific Golf Classic, which fires off at 7am this coming Saturday, Aug. 30, at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort in Kagman III.

Delta Airlines, Joeten Motors, and Triple J Motors all donated prizes that will be up for grabs during the one-day fundraising event, which proceeds will again benefit the Marianas Tourism Education Council.

Delta Airlines area manager Chris Concepcion presented a roundtrip ticket to the United States mainland as one of the raffle prizes, while Joeten Motors general manager Matt Deets and Triple J Motors president Jay Jones donated a 2014 Ford Fiesta and 2015 Hyundai Elantra as hole-in-one prizes, respectively.

Bank of Hawaii and Pacifica Insurance are the other companies that donated hole-in-one cash prizes.

Tournament organizers have yet to determine which holes both cars and cash will be assigned.

First Hawaiian Bank, DFS Saipan Ltd., and the Tan Siu Lin

Foundation are the major sponsors of the event that is also being supported by Calvo's Select Care, Marianas Visitors Authority, Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, MarPac, Pacific Islands Club, PTC, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Marianas Management Corp., Dickerson & Quinn, Kautz Glass, Aqua Resort Club, and Island Training Solutions.

Sorenson Media Group, *Marianas Variety*, and *Saipan Tribune* remain as the media partners.

Entry fee for the event is \$85 that includes the cart and green fees. Snacks and refreshments will be offered in the morning, while the awards banquet will follow after the tournament.

Entry forms are available at the Docomo Pacific store along Middle Road in Gualo Rai. Entry fees are accepted at Docomo Pacific.

Golfers are encouraged to enter as soon as possible. The deadline for entries is 5pm on today, Aug. 27. For more information, contact James Nelson at 483-4924 or email jnelson@docomopacific.com. (*Jon Perez*)



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The 5th Docomo Pacific Golf Classic tees off this coming Saturday, Aug. 30, at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort in Kagman III.

Cepeda loses to Japanese foe in Deep Impact 68



Tinian-based fighter Peter "The Beast" Cepeda was unlucky in his first overseas match when he lost to Japanese Michihiro Omigawa in Deep Impact 68 last Saturday in Tokyo, Japan.

Cepeda, who was invited to be a last-minute replacement for Rob "Che'lu Zombie" Wusstig of Guam, lost by way of submission straight armbar against Omigawa (14-14, with four KO's) in the 62-second mark of the first round.

He now holds a 1-2 record.

The 150-lb fighter, representing ZengZung Tinian, previously lost via submission against Aaron Magbuhat of Guam (4-7, with one KO) in Rites of Passage: Unstoppable two years ago.

Cepeda travelled with cornerman Reno Reyes and Jayson Tarkong.

Wusstig, who is the reigning Trench Tech featherweight champion, sprained his ankle, forcing organizers to invite Cepeda.

Wusstig won the Trench Tech 145-lb title after dealing Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez (10-1, with three KO's) his first loss in

Trench Warz 15: Supremacy on Dec. 16, 2011.

The Cepeda-Omigawa bout was the 11th fight of a 13-match fight card that saw Yuki Motoya (12-4, with four KO's) beating Tatsumitsu Wada (11-8, with two KO's) by submission via rear-naked choke with 45 seconds remaining in the second

round.

In other results, Kazunori Yokota 21-5, with four KO's) used a Kimura in forcing compatriot Yusuke Kagiya (16-10, with six KO's) to tap out in the 2:38-mark of the first round, Masakazu Imanari (28-13 with one KO) defeated South Korean Chan Jun Park via submission heel hook,



Cepeda



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CNMI netters bag 2 doubles titles

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The pair of Tania Tan and Julia Ishikawa proved to be productive for the CNMI, as the duo ruled the girls 14/12 doubles competition in the 2014 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships Event 2.

The second-ranked team clinched the division championship after pulling off an upset over the top-seeded tandem of Crystal Christman of American Samoa and Lea Lamorelle of Tahiti, 6-0, 6-1, yesterday in Fiji.



the bracket semis, Tan and Ishikawa were paired against American Samoa's Michelle Miller and Lessei Perelini and the Commonwealth players escaped with a 7-6 (3), 6-3 triumph to book a finals date with Lamorelle and Christman.

Lamorelle and Christman foiled an all-CNMI finals when they defeated Conatsu Kaga and Asia Raulerson in the semis, 6-4, 6-3. Kaga and Raulerson barged into the Final Four after topping Fiji's Saoirse Breen and New Caledonia's Leilani Ipunesso in

Tan and Ishikawa won the doubles championships without dropping a single set in the division, as their first two victories also came via sweeps. The two CNMI bets drew a bye in the first round before dominating Samoa's Leafine Cronin and Eleanor Schuster, 6-0, 6-1, to advance to the semifinals. In

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Julia Ishikawa, left, and Tania Tan pose for a photo after winning a doubles championship in the 2014 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships Event 2 in Fiji yesterday.

Tan Ko field undergoes \$5K renovation

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The Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios baseball field is undergoing major upgrades with most of the funds coming from donations from generous contributors after maintenance of the Oleai Sports Complex was turned over by the government to the Northern Mariana Sports Association last year.

NMSA executive director Tony Rogolifoi said cost of

the project amounts to more than \$5,000. Equipment were also loaned by a construction company, while the infield and outfield grass will be put by personnel from Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

"We started flattening the dirt on Aug. 18 and we are trying to finish this before Laolao Bay personnel plant the grass," said Rogolifoi, the former Sports and Recreation director when the sports facility was still under the Department of Commu-

nity and Cultural Affairs.

"Hopefully, before Sept. 1 (Labor Day) we're already done here. That's our target date of completion. Since this October we will start training our youth under-18 team to prepare them for a tournament in Guam."

Rogolifoi added that aside from the baseball field, the softball field near the track oval is also being spruced up. "We're preparing both

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Armatech, Mariana Resort enter semis

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Armatech and Mariana Resort clinched semis berths in the 2014 Emon Lodge

No. 179 Brotherhood Basketball League-Docomo Pacific Cup after eliminating separate opponents last Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Mariana Resort played in the first playoff game and ousted I Love Saipan, 91-67, while Armatech knocked off Degree in the second win-or-go-home match, 97-72.

Armatech walked away with a 15-point winning margin after Degree fell apart in the fourth quarter. Degree kept Armatech within striking distance after the third period, as Ariel Jinang's buzzer-beating banked trey just a few feet past midcourt moved the former within 4 points, 59-63.

However, Jinang's Hail Mary shot failed to spark a spirited Degree comeback in the fourth and instead Armatech broke away behind the guns of Bernard Montano and James Abuy. Montano kicked off the fourth with three straight short jumpers and he and Abuy went on to combine for 16 points in Ar-

matech's pivotal 18-3 run in the first six minutes of the payoff period. Former Degree player Dindo Pablo scored the other 2 points to seal it for Armatech, as the team took a comfortable 81-62 advantage past the halfway mark of the final frame.

Degree was lost in the exchange, as only Bobby Geli drilled a field goal in the first six

minutes of the fourth quarter, while Mike Surima had a split. Degree had a hard time orchestrating its offense, as Armatech hounded the former's ball handlers right after the inbound plays from the backcourt. On several occasions that Degree managed to get away from Ar-

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Armatech's Bernard Montano escapes with a fastbreak layup during the fourth quarter of their playoff game against Degree in the Emon Lodge-Docomo Pacific Cup last Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



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A payloader is used by Northern Marianas Sports Association personnel in laying dirt at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Baseball Field.